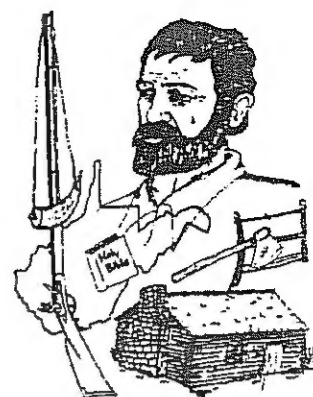


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Jots from JOY



By Joy Stalnaker
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We're delighted to begin this, our 21st volume of the *HCI*, with a new look – thanks to design assistance from member Don **SCHAUB** of Columbus, Ohio. Don is a 1957 graduate of West Virginia University's School of Journalism and has worked in the field his entire adult life. Thanks, Don, for the assistance.

If there are others out there who would like to volunteer to help with other aspects of the *HCI* – writing a quarterly column, writing an original article or two or more, compiling records for publication herein – please don't hesitate to contact me at the office.

HCPD, like other non-profit organizations, has felt the financial crunch of our recent national tragedies and the economy; but, thanks to the generosity of you, our members, we are keeping our heads above water. A week or so before Christmas, we sent you all a report of our July "Tea Party" activities whereby we worked to reduce our building indebtedness. At the same time, we submitted another plea for help. Although it has been only a couple of weeks since we mailed that plea (I am writing this on the last day of 2002), I am happy to report that several checks have been received in answer. A full report on this activity will appear in our next Journal.

Thanks to Delegate Doug **STALNAKER**, Lewis County's representative to the West Virginia House of Delegates, we were the recipient of a \$3000 no-strings-attached grant from the House of Delegates in late November. Two-thirds of this was used to retire some of our debts, the remainder is dedicated to accessioning some of our collections. We are grateful to Delegate **STALNAKER** and the House of Delegates for their interest in our work. If you live in West Virginia, thank your delegate on our behalf.

Some of you have family members who either helped construct in an awhile ago time, worked at, or were patients at what is locally been called "the Asylum" or "the Insane Asylum," but is now properly called Weston Hospital. Built between 1858-1881, this National Landmark sits adjacent Weston's downtown. Vacated in 1994-95 with the opening of the new William R. Sharpe Jr. Hospital, this largest hand-cut stone building in the Western Hemisphere has been falling in disrepair.

In 2000, the state received a \$750,000 Save America's Treasure's grant to stabilize the building and to seek a successful adaptive re-use. It was matched by an equal amount from the West Virginia Legislature. The grant is managed by the Weston Hospital Task Force which was appointed by then Governor Cecil B. **UNDERWOOD** in October 2000. The Task Force is working diligently to fulfill all aspects of the grant and to make this wonderful building an integral part of Lewis County's business community again.

What does this have to do with HCPD? First, with the blessings of your board of directors, I serve as project manager for the Task Force – sometimes performing those duties at the HCPD office and sometimes at home. Those times which I give to the Task Force while at the office are made up by working for you evenings and weekends and holidays.

Second, HCPD also benefits from this partnership because Task Force meetings are held at our library and our staff provides lunch to those in attendance – for a charge, of course. These charges go into our general operating funds.

Third, this partnership has encouraged some of our volunteers to work on some other so-called “hospital projects” which will ultimately benefit HCPD financially. Currently, board member Marlene **TENNEY** and I are researching West Virginia Department of Health death records and other public state records to identify those persons who are buried in the three cemeteries on the hospital grounds. All but a dozen or so graves of the more than 4000 burials are unmarked. Families have been struggling for years to learn if their family member is buried here. Soon we hope to have a record as nearly complete as possible to help families know the answers.

While hospital records maintained now at Sharpe Hospital could probably provide the answers, the state is prohibited by privacy laws from releasing the information without a court order on case-by-case basis.

No date has been set for publication of these records. However, if you or anyone you know has information that might help with this project, please contact us.

To learn more about the Weston Hospital project or to keep abreast of activities, you might check out the website <http://www.westonlandmark.com>.

Do you have an e-mail address? Whether you are a member who has paid the full membership dues or only the \$35 rate, we would like to have your **CURRENT** e-mail address. From time to time, I send electronic newsletters to all members, past and present, about things of interest or concern to all of you. Presently, we have at least 85 e-mail addresses for members that are not good ones. If you have an e-mail address and have not heard from us via e-mail in the past two months, please send your current e-mail address to me at hcpd@hackerscreek.com. Remember, e-mail addresses are sort of like unlisted phone numbers: there is no national directory for e-mail addresses. You must give them to us for us to get them.

Our HCPD Library continues to collect family histories. Have you submitted yours – or a gedcom of your family research? It’s not finished, you say? Well, neither is mine or anyone else’s. Family histories are a living, breathing thing. Each day family members are born, die, or are married. Sometimes we know most of our ancestors; but, generally, most of us are still on a *GREAT QUEST* for some long lost relative. The best way to find that relative is to share what you already know so that others can share with you. Sharing is a two-way street. We all must give to receive.

You may submit your gedcoms on disk (either regular disk or Zip) or send us a hard copy. However, remember that a gedcom does not transfer pictures and all your notes. If you use Family Tree Maker or Brothers Keeper, you might prefer to send us a back-up file. We do maintain the latest versions of these programs.

BEST WISHES FOR A FULL AND FRUITFUL 2003!

NEWS



& notes

Computer Available for Patrons - Thanks to the work of board member Tom **KEENAN**, we now have a computer available for patron use to access the internet, burn CD's, and scan images. However, we do not have staff available to train users; patrons must be computer knowledgeable. Computer users must sign up for time slots when more than one patron is wanting access.

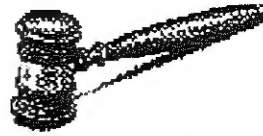
History Day 2003 - The Seventh Annual West Virginia History Day, Thursday, February 27, 2003, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., will be held at the West Virginia State Capitol Complex during the 77th session of the West Virginia Legislature. The event is officially designated by the West Virginia Legislature and the West Virginia Archives and History Commission as a special day to recognize the state's rich and varied history. The event is co-sponsored by the Friends of WV Culture and History, Preservation Alliance of WV, WV Historical Society, the WV Historical Association, WV Association of Museums, Archives and History Commission, West Virginia Humanities Council, and Mining Your History Foundation.

This year's West Virginia History Day will feature historical exhibits and other cultural events depicting the unique heritage of the Mountain State. Historians, preservationists, re-enactors, genealogists, patriotic groups, veterans, fraternal organizations, local government representatives, librarians, ethnic groups, and families with an interest in preserving and sharing the state's history are invited to help celebrate.

Additionally, the annual History Hero Awards recognizing those persons who have worked at the grassroots level to preserve our state's history will be presented in the theater at The Cultural Center sometime during the day. The awards are based on nominations presented by organizations with genealogical and/or historical affiliations in West Virginia's fifty-five counties. Persons interested in attending the event should check with the Archives and History website, <http://www.wvculture.org>, during the third week of February for a complete schedule.

HCPD is supporting this event by providing secretarial services in return for a grant-in-aid from the sponsoring organizations. Consequently, our volunteers and staff worked diligently during December to create, label and mail more than three thousand mailers about the event. Nominations for History Heroes and reservations for display space in the Capitol rotunda will be processed by office staff and coordinated with select persons at Culture and History and the State Legislature.

Don Norman Files – The annual update of the Don **NORMAN** files on the HCPD website was completed in mid-January. These files include corrections submitted to Mr. **NORMAN** through much of 2002.



Prose from the President

By Mary Creamer

I hope 2003 is going well for you so far. I'm not exactly sure where 2002 went, but I guess there is no reason to ponder on that subject.

I wanted to inform you a little about this year's Gathering. Barb **PALMER**, our new vice president, is in charge this year and she and I have been working closely together on the plans. The theme is "From Sea to Shining Sea" and many of the activities will be associated with the migration of our ancestors across this marvelous country. The dates are August 7-10, 2003.

Barb has already lined up workshops with Paul **PETTIT**, David **ARMSTRONG**, Nancy **JACKSON**, and Debbie **MALEC** and will be adding more. If you have a suggestion or would like to conduct a workshop, please notify Barb. Her address and e-mail are listed on the first page of this Journal.

Last year's hat contest was a great success and many people attending listed it among their favorite workshops. This year we are holding more contests in keeping with the theme of Gathering. We will hold a pioneer dress contest and a bonnet contest. The pioneer dress contest will be split for men's and women's dress. Once again, we will offer time during the Gathering for you to work on your costume or bonnet if you so desire.

We are keeping the entertainment under wraps for now, but hope to have more in this line than we have had the past couple of years.

Motel accommodations in the Weston area are not prolific, so you may wish to make your arrangements soon. In Weston there is the Comfort Inn and Motel 6, just down the road from the library near the interstate. In Jane Lew, there is the Wilderness Plantation. Buckhannon sports a few motels- Hampton Inn, Centennial Motel, and the Baxa Motel. There are also accommodations available now at Stonewall Jackson Lake, and we have our RV spaces behind the library. I, myself, prefer the cabins at Hillbilly Haven, just off the Roanoke exit south of Weston.

On a more administrative note, any changes to the bylaws must be presented to the membership in March for them to consider before voting on them at Gathering. If any of you have suggestions for bylaws changes, please get them to me by March 1. Let's try to make this the biggest Gathering in our history! Plan now to attend August 7-10, 2003.

Notes on the Irish Origin of the Moneypenny & Kenny Families of West Virginia

by David Armstrong

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(Based on research completed as of July 2002)

Among the many immigrants from Northern Ireland to West Virginia in the 1790s were my 4X great-grandparents William and Mary Jane **MONEYPENNY**. They left Ireland in the 1790s apparently in the stream of immigration through the port of New Castle, Delaware and subsequently into the Leading Creek valley in Gilmer County, West Virginia. I have undertaken an effort to find and document the family roots in Ireland. While this effort has borne fruit that is less than satisfactory, at least the general roots of the Irish family do seem to be documentable to a reasonable degree of certainty.

The late Jay **NEWMAN**, one of West Virginia's consummate and extraordinary genealogist-historians, wrote a **MONEYPENNY** history and included his notes on the **MONEYPENNY** name in Ireland. Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants member Chuck **MONEYPENNY** of Lincoln, Nebraska has also contacted numerous individuals in Europe collecting evidence of the **MONEYPENNY** name there. I see little reason to reinvent the wheel and since these individuals have assembled a good foundation on the name of **MONEYPENNY** in Ireland I have elected to concentrate my efforts on the name **KENNY** (the apparent maiden name of Mary Jane **MONEYPENNY**) and on the names of possible persons who may have immigrated with our ancestors. The following is a hodgepodge of notes on these subjects. I do not claim that it is the final word nor complete.

In my search for my Irish roots I began with the work of the late Gladys Stutler **HOFFMAN**. She wrote in her family history, "William **MONEYPENNY** and his wife, Mary Jane **KENNY**, came from McGuire Bridge, Ireland about 1790."¹ The **MONEYPENNY** history written by Jay **NEWMAN** provided a probable source for part

¹ Gladys Stutler **HOFFMAN, HECKERT - KEISTER - DYER - MONEYPENNY AND PROBST PIONEER FAMILIES OF WEST VIRGINIA**. Atlanta, GA, 1970. Copy in West Virginia State Archives

of this information. In it he publishes a copy of a 1948 letter written by Mary A. **KRAUS**, great-granddaughter of William and Mary Jane **MONEYPENNY**, and in it Mary Kraus writes that "William **MONEYPENNY** and ... his wife name (**KENNY**) ... came over from Ireland."² I was quickly able to support part of this information with the 1860 census of Gilmer County. In the listing for the Henry E. **HECKERT** family there was listed among the residents of the household "Jane **MONEYPENNY**" aged 98. This was Mary Jane, the widow of William **MONEYPENNY**, and in 1860 the census taker was told that she was born in "Ireland, Co. Fermanagh." So there is primary documentation to show that Mrs. William **MONEYPENNY** was from County Fermanagh, Northern Ireland, and the family traditions fit with this in saying that she was from Maguires Bridge (which is in fact in County Fermanagh) and adding that her maiden name was **KENNY**. County Fermanagh is situated on the southwestern border of the country of Northern Ireland. It is 45 miles wide at its widest point and 29 miles long. Its most prominent feature is that it is divided into two parts, northeast and southwest by the lakes of the middle course of the River Erne. Both the upper reaches and the short outfall of the river are in the Republic rather than in Northern Ireland. The lakes are noteworthy for over 200 islands. Fermanagh's territory is hilly. The chief town is Enniskillen. The county is divided into 8 baronies, 23 parishes, and 2,183 townlands. In ancient times it was known as "Feor-managh-Eanagh" or "Feara-monach", the "country of the lakes." It was the territory of the Mag Uidhir or Maguire sept. The Maguire chieftans left Ireland in the "flight of the earls" and the county reverted to the English crown to be planted by Scottish and English colonists. In the uprising of 1688 these rendered service to the Protestant William of Orange and distinguished themselves by such bravery that "Fermanagh men" became synonymous with bravery.³

Maguires Bridge is a village of 854 inhabitants in the parish of Aghalurcher and the Barony of Magherastephena. The name **KENNY** is among the eighty most common names in Ireland, but less common in the Ulster province (Northern Ireland) than the other three provinces. In Ireland it can be of Gaelic or English origin. In Gaelic it can be found as O'Cionaoith or O'Coinne, a family of which migrated from County Down to Strabane in County Tyrone and their name was anglicized to **KENNY**. In County Monaghan (the neighboring county to our County Fermanagh) the name in Gaelic was MacCionaoith or MacKenna.⁴

There are also a number of **KENNY** families in the Republic, and many of these were later immigrants to America.⁵

So beginning with the primary evidence that my ancestress Mary Jane (**KENNY**) **MONEYPENNY** was from County Fermanagh and likely from Maguires Bridge I began to cast about for information that might tend to add support to what I already knew.

² Jesse D. NEWMAN and Anna L. (Amos) NEWMAN, *THE MONEYPENNY FAMILY*. Elizabethtown, Ky., 1993. Copy in Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants library

³ George HILL, *AN HISTORICAL ACCOUNT OF THE PLANTATION IN ULSTER AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY 1608-1620*. Belfast, 1877.; Dr. H. W. HESLING, *THE IRISH BORDER AS A CULTURAL DIVIDE*. The Netherlands, 1979; *THE ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA VOL IX*. Philadelphia, 1891. The last named source states that in the later "famine" emigration of the 1800s County Fermanagh lost 40 percent of its population between 1841 and 1871.

⁴ Robert BELL, *THE BOOK OF ULSTER SURNAMES*. Belfast, 1988. Copy at the State Library of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg.

⁵ In a 1993 letter Thomas F. RAHRIG of Cumberland, Md informs me that a book called *MINERAL COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, FAMILY TRAITS, TRACKS, AND TRAILS, 1980* has coverage of a Timothy Kenny from County Galway, Ireland who immigrated to Preston County in 1845. I have also noted the presence of a Kenny family in Randolph County in 1850. These people are likely from the southern parts of Ireland and came out in the mass exodus during the potato famine in the 1800s. These Irish were largely Catholic and are of a different strain than our Northern Irish or "Scotch-Irish" Protestants who came in the 1700s.

One of my first curiosities was *WHEN* did the family come to America? The family lore said that William and Mary Jane **MONEYPENNY** married in Ireland and came together, but I will present circumstantial evidence below to give us reason to at least question that part of the family story. As for the date of immigration of William **MONEYPENNY**, I established this with a document in the Virginia State Archives, which document I subsequently provided to Jay Newman. In this document William **MONEYPENNY** and Thomas **LAW** petitioned the State of Virginia to the effect that they had come to America in 1794 and 1795 and purchased farms but that their titles to the same were in question and they asked that the legislature intervene to help them secure their title.⁶

This document was filed with the state in 1810, and on May 21 of the same year William **MONEYPENNY** was naturalized a citizen by the court of Harrison County.⁷ On the same day other Irishmen were naturalized including Thomas **LAW**, William and John **BURNSIDE**, James and Alexander **SOMMERVILLE**, as well as Henry **LEEPER**. **LAW** stated that his occupation was a weaver and in November one Robert **STUART**, an Irishman, was naturalized and said that his occupation was that of a weaver.⁸

William **MONEYPENNY** is listed in the 1810 census of Harrison County and nearby are neighbors Thomas and Alexander **SOMMERVILLE** and Patrick **BURNSIDE**. So William **MONEYPENNY** came from Ireland in 1794, Patrick **BURNSIDE** came a year earlier, Thomas **LAW** a year later, and **LAW** and **BURNSIDE** ended up as neighbors of **MONEYPENNY** in Harrison County (now Gilmer) in 1810. Having looked at this information I felt that I was establishing some associations which may help in a search of records in Ireland for further confirmation of what had been said about the roots of the family there.

I began with the **POLL OF ELECTORS OF COUNTY FERMANAGH 1788** which I obtained on microfilm from the Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints. This record listed the names of James, Robert, Joseph and Thomas **BURNSIDE**; John and Andrew **KENNY**; James **LAW** ("**LOW**"); Irvine, John, Andrew and **THOMAS LAW**; Arthur and James **LEEPER** (**LEPPER**); as well as John, William, **JAMES**, Joseph, Robert, and Michael **SOMMERVILLE**.

Another record in Ireland, and another of the same generation as our Irish ancestors, is the 1821 census fragments of Aghalurcher Parish. This is the parish in which Maguires Bridge, the reputed Irish home of our ancestors, is located. In this 1821 census in Aghalurcher Parish the families of **BURNSIDE** and **SOMMERVILLE** are shown. This census is detailed much like the 1850 census in the United States, and in it many of the persons (including **BURNSIDES** and **SOMMERVILLES**) are employed in linen manufacture.⁹

⁶ Harrison County Legislative Petitions, Virginia State Archives, Richmond, Va. There are other petitions in the same record group that establish the immigration of others in the area. William **BURNSIDES** said in a petition that he came from Ireland in 1793. Henry **LEEPER** came from "Great Britain" in 1790, and James **SOMMERVILLE** came (from place unspecified) in December of 1796. The reader is referred to the record group cited to obtain complete copies of these documents.

⁷ Harrison County Order Book 18 10-11, page 9.

⁸ Harrison County Order Book *ibid.*, page 242. In an article about the Scotch-Irish Billy **KENNEDY**, an Irishman, writes that "Almos: all of them emigrated at their own charge; (many) employed in the linen manufacture (were) possessed by property which they converted into money and carried with them." See "The Scots-Irish in the Shenandoah Valley". BELLEFONTE, Spring 2002

⁹ "1821 Census Returns County Fermanagh Barony of Maghnastephina Parish of Aghalurcher (sic)". EIREMLE, #3, June 1988

Also through the LDS Church I obtained a microfilm of the index to **GRIFFITH's Valuation and the Tithe Allotment Books**. **GRIFFITH** was dated 1862 and thus was later but the Tithe Allotment Books are dated 1833, again being a record contemporary with the generation of our family who came to America. These show that in 1833 in the Parish of Aghalurcher (the parish in which Maguires Bridge is located) the surnames of **BURNSIDE**, "**KENNY**", **LAW**, and **SOMMERVILLE** are listed.

The information given herein should be enough to make some assumptions upon which to build and continue research. Our family legend said that the maiden name of Mary Jane **MONEYPENNY** was **KENNY** and that she was from Maguires Bridge in Ireland. The 1860 census of Gilmer County supported this, proving that she was from County Fermanagh where Maguires Bridge is located. William **MONEYPENNY**'s paper trail established an association with the **LAW** family directly and a proximal association with the **BURNSIDE** and **SOMMERVILLE** families. Then a check of the records of the area of Ireland from which our ancestor came shows families with the name of **LAW**, **BURNSIDE**, and **SOMMERVILLE** near to people named **KENNY**, the reputed maiden name of Mary Jane **MONEYPENNY**.

Aside from the 1860 census all of the information that we have about the origin of our specific family in Ireland comes from secondary sources. I have presented the notes herein not to claim them as proof of anything, but to point out that the primary evidence in Ireland tends to support our family's secondary account of their origin in every respect. Maguires Bridge turns out in fact to be in Fermanagh, in Aghalurcher Parish. In Aghalurcher the name of **KENNY** can be found as well as the names of many of the Irish associates of our family.

The family story says that William and Mary Jane **MONEYPENNY** married in Ireland. I have been troubled by this. One reason is that while I have been able to document the name **KENNY** in the right place and time in Ireland I have not been able to document the name of **MONEYPENNY** in Fermanagh *AT THE TIME OF OUR ANCESTORS IMMIGRATION*.¹⁰ Further, William **MONEYPENNY** immigrated in 1794 and his first known child was not born until 1797. This does not prove that they didn't marry in Ireland, but the place of marriage remains an open question for me. Regardless of this, William and Mary Jane **MONEYPENNY** were in Delaware in 1797 when their son James was born, in Maryland in 1798 when their son Thomas was born, and apparently in Virginia in 1801 when their third child, Betty, was born. Some early *DIRECT* evidence of them in America is a petition to the Virginia State Legislature from Harrison County in 1803, which petition William **MONEYPENNY** signed.

Our ancestors would be counted among the class of persons known as "Scotch-Irish" or "Scots-Irish", although it has been shown that the name **KENNY** may be of Gaelic or native Irish origin. We are fortunate to have such solid evidence to place our family in a specific place in Ireland, such evidence being lacking in most Scotch-Irish families. Perhaps some future researcher will be able to connect Mary Jane **KENNY** with her *SPECIFIC* relatives in Ireland. It is hoped that the notes above will serve as a suitable place to start. Any person with additional information is invited to contact the writer at the address above or on line at e-mail: frankensteinjr@meer.net

¹⁰ A Scottish Lord named **MONEYPENNY** had been granted land in Fermanagh in the 1600s but he apparently defaulted on the terms of the grant and likely never saw the place. This seventeenth century connection between a **MONEYPENNY** and Fermanagh seems irrelevant in relation to our family search. See MII, *ibid.*, 301,477.

Sam Bennett: Gilmer County Pioneer

by Billy Bennett, 1941

Reprinted from *TANNER HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Newsletter No. 52*, Spring, 1992.

Trudging along the Staunton Turnpike and turning down into Ellis Fork of Tanner were two Union soldiers—Freem **LEWIS** and Sam **BENNETT**. They were Civil War Veterans looking for land.

Ellis Fork was then undeveloped virgin timberland with few inhabitants. As the two walked down a winding path, to their surprise, not knowing there was anyone around within miles of them, they met a large barefoot boy. Sam said, "Son, where does Jesus Christ live around here?" The boy explained, "You probably mean **CRITES**, Joab **CRITES**, who lives on Tanner Hill."

BENNETT bought a large tract of land at the mouth of Ellis from Chaney **BELL**, where he erected a log cabin and set in to clearing the land. The cabin in later years was moved to the mouth of Jesse's Run and is still used as a dwelling. A pegged hole in a log shows where the "Little Criter's" hair was deposited to cure the "Tisick." In adult life he was nicknamed "Creet."

When the cabin became inhabitable, Sam **BENNETT** went back to Tyler County after his wife, Annary **MAYFIELD**. They were married December 28, 1866. (A grandson still has the marriage certificate.) The **MAYFIELDS** were a prominent family in Middlebourne (Tyler County). They were instrumental in the early development of the Hope Natural Gas Company. Young Bill **MAYFIELD** became Vice President of the company.

Annary **BENNETT** did not act kindly toward Confederates. After some confrontations, one neighbor said Sam **BENNETT** has married an Indian and brought her here. She did have high cheek bones and raven black hair.

Sam **BENNETT** was born in Green County, Pennsylvania, in 1840, the son of John and Jane **COULTER BENNETT**. Jane emigrated from Ireland, accompanied by two brothers, John and Jim **COULTER**. She was 16 years of age at the time. The Coulters were hunters and fur traders. They would put asafetida in their shoes to prevent wolves from picking up their scent. (Most of the **COULTERS** settled in Coulters, Pa.) During the 1800's, Jackson, Wyoming, was often visited by fur trappers and mountain men. John **COULTER** went out west. He settled Jackson Hole in the Tetons. It was then referred to as "Coulter's Hell" where the small geysers erupted.

Sam **BENNETT** was a large strong man. He could split 400 rails and lay up a fence, all in a day's work, while his wife, Annary, spent long and tiring hours carding wool and spinning clothing for her family.

In 1905 the **BENNETT**'s hired George **VANNOY** and other local carpenters to move in and build the "Big House." They cut the timber on the farm; some trees being 6 feet in diameter. One poplar in Alum Rock took 6 yokes of oxen to move it to the site.

They sawed lumber, kiln dried it, and quarried out local stone for the fireplace chimneys and walkways. The house was two-story with 9 rooms, double hallways upstairs and down, with carved mantles and stairways of oak and walnut. This house was considered a very elaborate structure in those days.

The **BENNETT** boys built a coffin in one of the bedroom presses so they could "ghost" peddlers and other people who spent the night. One night in that dim lit room, they ran the coffin out on the floor where a peddler and his wife were in bed. During the excitement the slats fell out of the bed. They slept on the floor the rest of the night and left at daylight without breakfast. The peddler was overheard saying, "I did not like the looks of that old man's whiskers when we first came here."

In 1906 the Ellis Fork United Brethren Church was erected on the **BENNETT** farm. The day of the dedication was billed as "an all day doings and dinner on the ground." Sam **BENNETT** paid off the balance of the indebtedness--\$1700.00—which was the cost of the building.

The **BENNETT** family was said to be one of the largest families in West Virginia, according to Dr. **DYRE** of Tanner. There were 29 children born to Samuel and Annary **BENNETT**. There were six sets of twins. They ran out of names and named a pair of healthy, husky twins—Lyme and Juke—after the oxen. Other nicknames were: Coop (Olive), Cart Sarah), Punt Martha), Boo Henry), Babe(Permelia), Creet (Scott), Hamrocks(James), Barsocks(John), along with many conventional names.

The **BENNETT** farm developed into a very prosperous livestock enterprise. The large family worked the soin, containing 280 acres. The cellar was the "great provider" with large stone jars of kraut, pickled corn, pickled beans, large kegs of molasses, cider and approximately 2,000 quarts of a variety of fruits, vegetables, jams and jellies. They had the smokehouse for ham, mutton, and various meats. In the garden, potatoes and apples were placed in straw bins covered with mounds of dirt so as not to freeze during the winter months. Ice was cut from the streams and packed in sawdust for summer use.

The farms were self-supporting then, with all types of animals to produce the meat, eggs, and mild for food, and wool and hides for clothing. The farm also had a gristmill to make corn meal for bread and cracked corn for animal food. There was a large flour mill in Tanner, a carding mill at the Fling place on Bull Fork, and a hat shop run by a Mr. **NAPIER** who came there from New York City.

The family traveled extensively in those days. The parents traveled to resorts in Hot Springs, Arkansas; Mt. Clemency, Michigan; and Webster Springs, West Virginia, annually, traveling by train. The girls spent much time making their dresses for the trip. They were driven in a surrey to Gilmer Station by their brother whom the other boys called "the cobweb" because he stayed close home. The boys went to the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904. They also took their fur and sold it. The total expense for three of them was \$40.00. (\$3.00 for train fare; 15 to 25 cent for meals).

Sam, known as "Pap" by his family, still held to his pioneer ways. He chewed "Snap" and "Brown Mule" tobacco. He collected tobacco tags and stored them in a bag in the old captains trunk in his room. Once he turned them in to the company in

exchange for a new Singer sewing machine for his wife. When he lived in the old cabin, he spit through a hole in the floor. When he built the new house, he spit in the fireplace grate. When they got open gas stoves, he spit right into the burners.

When Sam went to Federal Court in Fairmont, he bought hisself (*sic*) a new suit, but set in the jury box barefoot.

The ornery boys were always playing pranks on Sam. After Sam went to the altar at the UB Church, the boys decided to make him lose his religion. This was accomplished by shaking him off the footlog on a zero degree day. He came out of the water using the Lord's name in vain to say the least. Once they were letting fodder shocks off the hill on a wire. Sam was retrieving them at the bottom of the hill. One of the boys snapped on the old hound dog, "Jerk" sending him cartwheeling off the hill to Sam. One neighbor woman was once overheard chastising her boys by saying, "You're just like those ornery **BENNETT**s!"

The **BENNETT** home would today represent "the thousand points of light." It was an inn for many. The teamsters servicing the Tanner oilfield would spend the night at Sam's. Before supper they would curry and blanket their horses, leaving them in the barnstalls for the night. Their teams were a "thing of beauty" having brass breastplates, tassels, and red and white rings. The teams in the wagon trains reflected pride of ownership. (The **BENNETT** farm primarily raised Morgan horses for the Tanner oil field, and transportation.)

Many indigent people stopped at the **BENNETT** residence for a short time or until their welcome ran out. There were comers and goers, and some had a tendency to be comers and stayers. Some members of the family had the embarrassing task of encouraging them to move on.

Public Welfare was non-existent. Sam said welfare was never started until he got to the place where he couldn't handle the traffic. The traffic was: "Tinker," who danced along the road with bells on his feet, blowing a conk shell; "Banty," who played "Sour Wood Mountain" on the parlor organ; and Peniger, who was down on his knees praying when the kids doused him with a bucket of water. The kids were laughing hilariously when Peniger exclaimed, "Crow, you cocks of hell!"

There were family reunions, church conventions, all-day doings and dinner on the grounds. Poor people would walk for miles to these events to get what they described as a square meal. A lady named Elmira took the honors at eating. Many people described hardy eating as "Elmiring the grub." Many times after church there would be dozens of people stopping at the **BENNETT** home for dinner. The boys would butcher a mutton to supplement the meal.

Now an era and a way of life have passed. Like much of West Virginia, many buildings are deteriorating, the farms are inundated with multi-flora rose and hickory saplings. The white tail deer roam where white faced cattle once grazed in lush green meadows.

Sam **BENNETT** was a devout man. He read his Bible through many times. He whistled loud and shrill, and sang "Death is a Melancholy Call" in long meter tune. He cleared the land by working from daylight till dark, resting under two large oaks, where he requested that he be buried.

Out on a hill from the goat house, overlooking the Indian graves, between two giant oaks stands a lone monument engraved: Samuel **BENNETT**, Union Soldier 1840-1930.

More Jackson's Mill Memories

by Maurice L. Allman

The more one thinks about his memories of the Mill and the 4-H experiences the more one tries to list what may be of importance and also some humor.

All the kitchen boys stayed in the second floor of the Gilmer County Cottage. Two bells would ring and the first bell was to wake the kitchen crews. The second was to start work in the kitchen at the Dining Hall. The boys had things timed to sleep a little past #1 bell and then splash some water on their face, jump into their underwear, tee shirt and shorts and slide into their shoes much of which was done as they traveled down the steps and out the screen door of the front porch.

One of my jobs was to repair *that* screen door which did not latch. The wind would blow the door rather frequently and bang against the doorframe making noise which the adult campers complained about to Uncle Charley **HARTLEY**, the camp director.

One of the kitchen boys was Ray **WATSON**, who, I must say, made good in life and currently he is serving on the Wirt County Board of Education. He served many years as Principal of the Wirt County High School at Elizabeth. Prior to that he was an Assistant coach for WVU Football team. And before that he and I were in the same class at the Jane Lew High School Junior year. He transferred to the Weston High where he played on the Weston HS football team his senior year in 1941.

Back to the banging screen door. Uncle Charley had asked me to check on the door at the Gilmer Cottage, repair it and be sure to fix the latch and get a new door spring so it would stay closed. I did.

But neither Uncle Charley or I communicated this bit of repairs to the kitchen boys.

As usual they were late getting up and dressed as they descended the steps, skipping half of the steps and making a few long running jumps to a screened door that had always opened...but didn't. Ray hit the door first. The door opened, but in splinters. Ray's day was ruined! He couldn't wait to tell Uncle Charley to explain and to take the cost of a new screen door from his pay check.

Uncle Charley came to where I was teaching craft classes and asked me to take the Mill truck to Weston and get a new screen door and install it. I did. And that was all that he said. Ray offered time and time again to pay, but Uncle Charley said not to worry.

I always enjoyed talking with Tubby **BOGGS**, State Boys 4-H Agent. How he could remember the first names of the boys attending State 4-H Camp was very impressive, along with his words of wisdom concerning leadership and citizenship.

Working in the Rural Electrification Building was an interesting learning experience. A Mister **GIST**, State Extension Agent at Morgantown would come in the cool basement and talk of his educational outreach through the County Extension Agents. He talked of how custom and tradition ruled many of the farmer's work habits.

One example was lifting a heavy wooden gate each time to enter another field. With just a little planning and work, the heavy gate could be handled easier with a gate hinge. Another example was pushing hay down from the second floor through an opening too small for the hay to fall freely.

During the weeks when church ministers from all denominations would meet for their planning sessions, one could hear some of the funniest stories and clean jokes of any adult group in the summer camp season.

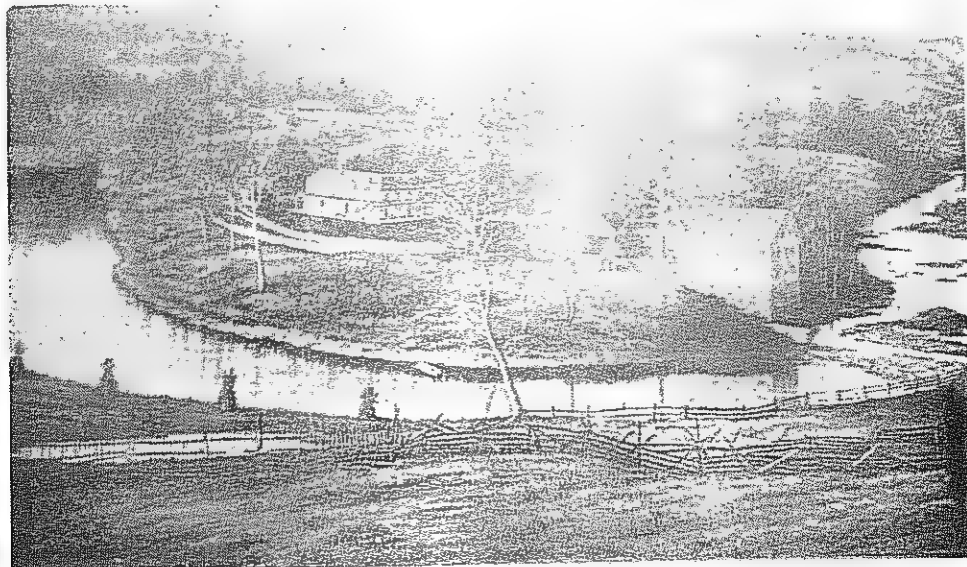
One example is of a minister telling of a baptism at a creek that was safe and clean but slightly swollen from a recent hard rain.

The first church member to be baptized that day was a rather tall lady, well dressed but in material that didn't soak up much water. Upon instruction and being shown how he would take her hand and hold her nose and how he would hold her safely, the minister proceeded to submerge her. She went under ok.

But upon submersion, the water current raised the lady's feet, dress and all, to the top of the water. That was momentarily ok, until the minister raised her head out of the water and expected her feet to sink to the creek bed. But no feet sank! They stayed on top of the water buoyed by her dress.

Her life was not in danger, but her feeling of security was at low ebb as the minister raised her head and tried repeatedly to jab her stiff long legs downward into the water as he steered her toward the creek bank. Gradually her heels began to get some traction high up on the creek bank under water. And somewhat like stiff wooden spears being thrust toward the creek bank, the lady's shoes got more traction by walking and thrashing downward, backwards to the creek bed.

Baptized? Yes, but the on-looking church members believed that that was enough for one day!



Descendants of William Lowther Jackson

by Nancy A. Jackson, PhD & Linda B. Meyers

Generation No. 1

1. WILLIAM LOWTHER¹ JACKSON was born August 11, 1778, and died May 03, 1836, age 37yrs, after a protracted illness. His death was published in The Countryman, an early Clarksburg newspaper (Vertical file at Waldomore Library, Clarksburg). He married April 08, 1798 (1) Hannah **BENNETT**. Marriage is recorded in Bk1:37 Harrison Co., WV; Bond: Bk4:288 Harrison Co., WV was posted by William L. Jackson and Edward Jackson. It stated she was an orphan. Edward was a friend of the father. Consent was given by the grandfather of Hannah **BENNETT**. William married (2) September 14, 1820 Harrison Co., WV Bk:2:84 (BK5:172) Harriett Blackburn **WILSON** b. ca 1805. Harriett was the daughter of Benjamin **WILSON** Jr. and his wife, Martha "Patsy" **DAVISSON**. Harriet m. 16 Aug. 1838 Harrison Co., BK3:114 -#2 Thomas **STINCHCOMB**. She was a widow in 1880.

William worked for his father-in-law in a clerk's office and in that capacity fell into a financial demise. It is also apparent that he was probably not in good health. At the time of his death, he appears to be destitute as shown by the following Deed of Trust. He did not have a will and settlement papers have not been located.

William served with the Virginia Troops in the War of 1812. He entered 1814 and was discharged 1815.

William L. Jackson to Jesse JARVIS

Deed of Trust

(Harrison Co., WV Deed Book 22:213)

This indenture made the 25th of September 1834 between William L. Jackson and Harriett B. his wife of the one part and Jesse **JARVIS** of the other part whereas John **WILSON** Jr. and Eli **MARSH** have heretofore becumbered John **WILSON** Jr as the securities of the said William L. **JACKSON** in certain Notes given to Charles A. **SWEARINGEN** for the use of Christopher **HEISKILL** and a judgment of execution has therein against them & upon which execution a fourth coming bond has been executed by the said **JACKSON**, **WILSON** and **MARSH** with Jesse **JARVIS** as security amounting to three hundred & eleven dollars & eleven dollars and sixteen cents, and the said William is indebted by single bill of this date to A Werninger & Company in the sum of one hundred and fifty six dollars and thirty cents. Also to John **WILSON** Jr. by a like single bill in the sum of sixty six dollars and also to Eli **MARSH** by single bill

heretofore given the precise time or amount not recollected but supposed to be thirty one or two dollars and also indebted to the said **MARSH** for clerk's note and other fee bills paid for his use amount not recollected, also indebted to L. Lowndes for store account amount not recollected also to John **LINDSEY** for his store account amt not recollected. Also to Dr. James **McCALLEY** for his medical bill & to Dr. **DOWBER** for same amounting to fifteen dollars & to Dr. **WILLIAMS** for same amt not recollected & to Col. George J **DAVISSON** for any sum he may have to pay as his security for the purchase of certain lots in Clarksburg & also to Isaac **ROBBINS** amt not recollected & to William H **MILLER** a ballance not recollected-Now this indenture witnesseth that said William and Harriett being willing & desiring to secure the payt of said sums of money & to indemnify the said **WILSON** and **MARSH** have in consideration of the premises and the further sum of one dollar to them in hand paid by said **JARVIS** granted bargained sold, & by these presents do grant bargain & sell to the said Jesse **JARVIS** his heirs and assigns forever all their right & interest claim and demand in the estate of the late George **JACKSON** deceased of the State of Ohio or elsewhere by the same real personal or mixed also the house and two lots in Clarksburg now occupied by said William also one hundred acres of land on Licking creek in Muskingum County Ohio being the same conveyed to said William & wife by the said George **JACKSON** & also the said William's interest in a tract of fifty thousand acres of land situated in **JACKSON** and Kanaway County also two certain lots purchased by said William now his residence. To have and to hold the same with the appurtenances

To the said Jesse **JARVIS** his heirs & assigns forever. Upon Trust as follows if the said **JACKSON** shall entirely indemnify and save harmless the said **WILSON** & **MARSH** as his securities as aforesaid and also pay & discharge the debts of the said A Werninger & Company, John **WILSON** Jr., Eli **MARSH** & amounts due to the said Lowndes & Company Jno Lindsay, Dr. J.M. **McCALLEY**, Dr. **DOWBER** & Dr. **WILLIAMS** , **ROBBINS** & **MILLER** on or before the 25th of September 1835 & shall also pay to the said George J. **DAVISSON** any amount which the said George J. **DAVISSON** may have paid as his security as aforesaid by the said 25th of September 1835 & all costs and charges under this deed then this deed to be wit and of one effect but if he shall fail to pay the said Debts with the interest accruing thereon and to indemnify the said **WILSON** and **MARSH** in their securityship aforesd by which they were executed immediately liable to suffer thereby . It shall be the duty of the said **JARVIS** or certain att & he is hereby authorized to appoint one for that purpose to sell said lands & personal property & the interest of said William & Harriett as aforesd at the front door of Harrison County Court by public sale for ready money given thirty days notice of such sale at the front door of said courthouse by advertisement poster thereat & out of the proceeds of such sale pay off and discharge first any amt which the said **WILSON** & **MARSH** may be relieved liable to pay as aforesaid secondly the debt to A Werninger & Co. thereby the debt to said John **WILSON** Jr. fourthly the other debts in the order they are stated in this deed & all costs under this deed and the over plus restore to the said **JACKSON** (if any there shall be)

In Testimony whereof the said William & wife have hereto set their hand, seal the date first written.

WL JACKSON

Harrison County Court Clerk's office 25th of September 1834 The foregoing Deed

having been presented in this office and acknowledged by William L. **JACKSON** was admitted to record

Teste D. **DAVISSON** C.H.C.

Note: Deed of Trust not signed by Harriett-just a seal mark.

The following deed from *W.L. **JACKSON** (Mudwall) and others to Harriet B. **STINCHCOMB*** confirms the children of William L. Sr. and Harriet Blackburn **JACKSON**. Also the residences of the children are given.

W. L. JACKSON & others to Harriet B. STINCHCOMB
(Harrison Co., WV Deed Book 73:440)

This deed made the second day of July in the year one thousand and eight hundred and eighty seven by and between William L. **JACKSON** and Sarah E. **JACKSON** his wife of the City of Louisville Kentucky, William P. **McKINNEY**, B.J. **McKINNEY** and Florence B. **McKINNEY** his wife and Josephine **McKINNEY** (the said William P. **McKINNEY** being the husband and the said B.J. **McKINNEY** and Josephine **McKINNEY** being the children and heirs at law of Indiana **McKINNEY** late Indiana **JACKSON**) Jacob B. **BLAIR** of the Territory of Wyoming, H.H. **MOSS** and Hattie W. **MOSS** his wife John T. **BELL** and Lizzie **BELL** his wife (the said Jacob B. **BLAIR** being the husband of Josephine **BLAIR** decd and the said Hattie W. **MOSS** and Lizzie **BELL** being the children and heirs at law of Josephine **BLAIR** deceased late Josephine **JACKSON**) and Okey **JOHNSON** Sarah E. his wife (the said Sarah E. **JOHNSON** being the widow and devisee of Benjamin W. **JACKSON** deceased parts of the first part (the said W.L. **JACKSON**, Hattie W. **MOSS**, Lizzie **BELL** B.J. **McKINNEY** Josephine **McKINNEY** being heirs at law of William L **JACKSON** the Elder deceased) and Harriet B. **STINCHCOMB** formerly Harriet B. **JACKSON** widow of William L. **JACKSON** the Elder deceased party of the second part Witness that the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of five dollars to them on hand paid the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge hath granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth hereby grant bargain sell and convey into the said Harriet B. **STINCHCOMB** all their right title and interest whether the same be at law or in equity in and to all that certain lot or piece of land with its appurtenances situate in the Town of Clarksburg in the County of Harrison and State of West Virginia and bounded on the north by Mechanic Street and on the West by a lot owned by Hortensia L. **BECKMAN**, on the South by Lee street and on the East by a lot the property of Anna **BLACKFORD** containing one fourth of an acre more or less being the same lot or parcel of land devised to the said Harriet B. **STINCHCOMB** by the last will and testament of George **JACKSON** decd (who was one of the heirs at law of William L. **JACKSON** the Elder deceased) which said will is recorded in Will Book 7 page 414 of the County of Wood State of West Virginia.

To have and to hold said lot or parcel of land hereby conveyed and every part and parcel thereof with all and singular the appurtenance thereto belonging unto the said Harriet B. **STINCHCOMB** and unto her heirs and assigned forever.

In witness thereof the said parties of the first have hereto set their hand and affixed

the seal the day and date first above written. Signed, sealed and witnesseth by ----
---- (names not transcribed)

Wm. L. **JACKSON**

S.E. **JACKSON**

H H **MOSS**

Hattie W. **MOSS**

Benjamin J. **McKINNEY**

Florence **McKINNEY**

W. T. **McKINNEY**

Josephine **McKINNEY**

Sarah E. **JOHNSON**

Okey **JOHNSON**

John T. **BELL**

Jacob **BELL**

Note; various notaries following showing:

William L. **JACKSON** and Sarah E. **JACKSON** appeared in Cook Co., Il July 1887.

Washington, Oh

4 Aug. 1887 W. P. **McKINNEY**, widower and Josephine **McKINNEY**-unmarried appeared.

Wood Co. W.Va. Okey **JOHNSON** and H.H. **MOSS** appeared d2 July 1887, wife of Okey **JOHNSON** (name didn't copy) and Hattie **MOSS** the wife of H.H. **MOSS**

Territory of Wyoming County of Albany Jacob B. **BLAIR** appeared 2 July 1887

Montgomery County State of Ohio appeared John T. **BELL** and Lizzie **BELL** 18 July 1887

Washington Co., OH appeared Benjamin J. **McKINNEY** and Florence B. **McKINNEY** his wife appeared 25 July 1887.

Children of WILLIAM JACKSON and HARRIETT WILSON are:

2. i. **MARTHA ELIZABETH² JACKSON**, b. 1822; d. November 05, 1859, Harrison Co., (W)V Bk1:21 (37 yrs).
3. ii. **INDIANA JACKSON**, b. August 25, 1824; d. May 20, 1885, Belpre, OH.
4. iii. **WILLIAM LOWTHER JACKSON**, b. February 03, 1825, Clarksburg, Harrison Co., (W)V; d. March 25, 1890, Louisville, Jefferson Co., KY.
- iv. **GEORGE JACKSON**, b. January 25, 1833, Harrison Co., (W)V; d. May 22, 1883, Parkersburg, WV. He never married. In 1880 he was age 47 living with his mother, then a widow age 75.

Will of George JACKSON

(Wood Co., WV Will Bk7:414)

I George **JACKSON** of the City of Parkersburg in the County of Wood, and State of West Virginia being of sound mind, and disposing memory do

hereby make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following.

It is my will and desire that my executor hereinafter named, shall ___ of my personal estate, or any friends I may have at the time of my decease ___ my just debts and funeral expenses.

Secondly, I will and bequeath to my mother Harriet B. **STINCHCOMB**, in the event she outlives me, all my estate, real, and personal or of what nature or kind soever of which I may be seized at the time of my decease, after the payment of my debts and funeral expenses, as mentioned above.

In the event I should survive my mother Harriet B. **STINCHCOMB**, I will and bequeath all the property mentioned in the foregoing bequests to my half sister Laurretta **STINCHCOMB**.

And Lastly, I hereby appoint H B Stephenson of the said City of Parkersburg, Executor of this my will and Testament hereby revoking all other or former wills by me heretofore made. In testimony whereof I have herein to set my hand and seal this 3rd day of January in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

George **JACKSON**

Witnesses were:

N P Chapin

Okey **JOHNSON**

N.W. **TUCKER**

The will was probated May 30, 1883.

5. v. **JOSEPHINE JACKSON**, b. 1835; d. July 13, 1856, Ritchie Co., (W)V.
- vi. **BENJAMIN W. JACKSON**, b. 1827; d. ca. Feb. 1861; m. **SARAH E. STEPHENSON**.

Notes for **BENJAMIN W. JACKSON**:

Benjamin W. **JACKSON** Will
(Wood Co., WV Will Bk 5:222)

Know all men by these presents that I Benjamin W. **JACKSON** of Parkersburg in the County of Wood and State of Virginia, being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and testament.

1st I give and devise to my mother Harriet B. **STINCHCOMB** wife of Thomas **STINCHCOMB**, and late Harriet B. **JACKSON** all of my undivided interest in and to two tracts of 1000 acres of Land on the North fork of Hughes River in the County of Ritchie, conveyed to me by Ephraim Bee & wife and known as the Mitchell and Hanes land, also that certain tract or parcel of Land in the County of Ritchie conveyed to me by Lewis A. **PHELPS** (Trustee?) in a certain deed of Trust executed by Thomas **STINCHCOMB** to

him to secure Isaiah Wells; also all of my right interest and claim which I have or hereafter may have in and to the House and Lot in the Town of Clarksburg Va in which my grandmother **WILSON** resided at her death; and in and to a certain other house and Lot in the said town of Clarksburg, conveyed to Josiah D. **WILSON** Trustee for my said mother and her heirs.

2nd I give, bequeath and devise to my wife Sarah E. **JACKSON** (late **STEPHENSON**) all the ballance and residue of my estate, real, personal or mixed, wherever situated after the payments of my debts and funeral expenses.

3rd i constitute and appoint my brother in law Kenner B. Stephenson the executor of this my last will and testament, In testimony whereof I having written this with my own proper hand, have hereunto set my hand and seal, and publish this to be my last will and testament this 9 day of March. 1958.

The will was probated 8 Feb. 1861

Buried north side in Riverview Cem., Parkersburg, Wood Co., WV.

Notes for Sarah E. **STEPHENSON JACKSON**

After Benjamin's death Sarah m. Okey **JOHNSON**, lawyer, legislator, jurist and a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1872.

Generation No. 2

2. MARTHA ELIZABETH² JACKSON (*WILLIAM LOWTHER¹*) was born 1822, (she is listed as age 25, b. VA in the 1850 Harrison Co., WV census) and died November 05, 1859 in Harrison Co., (W)V Bk1:21 (37 yrs). She married **ROBERT FERGUSON CRISS** in 1838.

Notes for MARTHA ELIZABETH **JACKSON**:

Additional source: rhoda@nls.net

Notes for ROBERT FERGUSON **CRISS**:

Enumerated in 1850 Harrison Co. Census. He is listed as a merchant age 37 b. VA. In 1860 Harrison Co., WV Census Robert and four children are enumerated in the household of Joseph G. **THOMPSON**.

Children of MARTHA JACKSON and ROBERT CRISS are:

- i. **ROSLIE E.³ CRISS**, b. 13 Oct 1839 (calculated from age at marriage 22y1m1d); m. November 14, 1861 **JAMES E. SMITH**,; b. 2 June 1837 (calculated from age at marriage 22y5m12d), Fauquier Co., VA. At the time of his marriage he was a Sheriff residing at Harrisville, (W) VA.
- ii. **ALICE CRISS**, b. abt. 1842.
In 1870 Coal Twp. there is an Alice **CRISS** 25 living in George W. **WAGNER**'s household and with her is a child Frederick **CRISS** 10/12. It is not known if this is Alice, d/o Martha and Robert **CRISS**.
- iii. **MARY S. CRISS**, b. abt. 1844,(she was age 6 in 1850) Clarksburg,

Harrison Co., (W)V; m. July 22, 1862 **SAMUEL SELBY**, , Harrison Co., (W)V Bk5:25; b. abt. 1830, Armstrong Co., PA. He was a resident of Marietta, Ohio at his marriage.

- 6. iv. **ROBERT J. CRISS**, b. abt. 1846.
- 7. v. **BENJAMIN J. CRISS**, b. abt. 1852; d. Bet. 1878 - 1880.

3. INDIANA² JACKSON (*WILLIAM LOWTHER¹*) was born August 25, 1824 (tombstone), and died May 20, 1885 in Belpre, OH. Burial: Riverview Cem., Parkersburg, WV. She married **WILLIAM PIATT MCKINNEY** June 14, 1849 in Harrison Co., WVBk4:5. He was born 1820, and died 1910. Burial: Riverview Cem., Parkersburg, WV

Notes for **WILLIAM PIATT MCKINNEY**:

Enumerated Belpre Twp. Washington Co., OH in 1880 as follows:

Wm. **MCKINNEY** 59 warfmaster

Indiana 54

Josephine 22

History of Marietta and Washington County, Ohio(p. 1194-1195)

"William P. **MCKINNEY**, for many years a prominent business man of Belpre, Ohio, is now living a retired life after years of the greatest activity. He comes of a prominent Pennsylvania family, and is one of nine children born to William and Mary W. (**MILLER**) **MCKINNEY**.

His grandfather, William **MCKINNEY**, was born in Pennsylvania and served throughout the Revolutionary War. His wife was Frances **PIATT**, who saw General Washington and his command marching through Trenton, New Jersey. Many of the soldiers were without shoes and these articles she supplied to some of them.

William **MCKINNEY**, father of William P., was born in Pennsylvania. He served throughout the War of 1812, and then followed mercantile pursuits during the remainder of his life. He married Mary W. **MILLER**, a daughter of Robert **MILLER**, an extensive farmer in Pennsylvania.

William P. **MCKINNEY** was born in Wood County, Virginia (now West Virginia), December 24, 1821, and was reared on a farm until he was nine years of age, a greater part of his schooling being obtained during that time. When quite a youth he began to assist his father in his store, the latter being quite an extensive merchant. After working thus for several years, he was placed in charge of his father's store in Harrisville, Virginia, where he continued until 1855. He then embarked in a similar business for himself in Willow Island, West Virginia, and continued thus until he disposed of the store to engage in the oil business. As an oil producer he was eminently successful, and acquired considerable wealth. In 1865 he moved to Belpre and was engaged in the wharf-boat business for a period of fourteen years, his success being as great as that achieved in his former ventures. Upon disposing of that business he retired from active affairs and has since spent his time in Belpre in the quiet enjoyment of home life. He owns his home in Washington County, as well as property in the State of Florida, from which he derives a good revenue.

Mr. **McKINNEY** was united in marriage June 24, 1849, with Indiana H. **JACKSON**, a daughter of William L. **JACKSON** of Clarksburg, Virginia (now West Virginia), and a second cousin to Gen. Thomas J. **JACKSON**. Three children were born to them, namely: Benjamin J.; Josephine M.; and William, who died at the age of four years. Mr. **McKINNEY** and his family are devout members of the Presbyterian Church. His wife was a Methodist. She died May 29, 1865, and in compliance with her request was buried in Parkersburg, West Virginia. Fraternally the subject of this sketch is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His political views coincide with those of the Democrat party. He lives with his sister in a cozy residence on Main street, in Belpre, Ohio."

Children of INDIANA JACKSON and WILLIAM MCKINNEY are:

8.
 - i. **BENJAMIN J.³ MCKINNEY**, b. 1850; d. 1902.
 - ii. **JOSEPHINE MCKINNEY**, b. 1857; d. 1910 Burial: Riverview Cem., Parkersburg, WV
 - iii. **WILLIAM MCKINNEY**, b. Unknown; d. age 4 years

4. WILLIAM LOWTHER² JACKSON (*WILLIAM LOWTHER¹*) was born February 03, 1825 in Clarksburg, Harrison Co., (W)V, and died March 25, 1890 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., KY. He married **SARAH ELIZABETH CREEL** December 19, 1849, daughter of **ALEXANDER CREEL**. She was born 1837, and died September 10, 1919.

Children of WILLIAM JACKSON and SARAH CREEL are:

9.
 - i. **LUCY³ JACKSON**, b. November 18, 1850, Richmond, Henrico Co., VA; d. August 16, 1934, Riverside, IL.
 - ii. **ALEXANDER HERBERT JACKSON**, b. August 18, 1851; d. October 02, 1932, Riverside, Cook Co., IL He lived many years with his sister. Burial: Cave Hill Cem., Louisville, KY
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 - iii. **WILLIAM LOWTHER JACKSON**, b. August 12, 1854, St. Mary's, Pleasant Co., (W)V.

5. JOSEPHINE² JACKSON (*WILLIAM LOWTHER¹*) was born 1835, and died July 13, 1856 in Ritchie Co., (W)V. She married **JACOB BEESON BLAIR** 21 Nov. 1850 in Ritchie Co., (W)V. He was born April 11, 1821, and died February 12, 1901. Burial: Mt. Olivet Cem., Salt Lake City, Utah.

Notes for JOSEPHINE JACKSON:

Tombstone: "In memory of Mrs. Josephine A. **BLAIR**, consort of Jacob B. **BLAIR**, and youngest daughter of the late Col. William L. **JACKSON**, July 13, 1856, in the 22nd year of her age. By her side lies an infant son, Sterrett **BLAIR**, who departed this life, June 27, 1856, aged 9 months and twenty seven days."

More About JOSEPHINE JACKSON:

Burial: Harrisville Cem., Ritchie Co., WV

Notes for JACOB BEESON **BLAIR**:
(Source: Internet Political Graveyard site.)

Jacob Beeson **BLAIR** was born at Parkersburg on April 11, 1821, and, after the death of his parents, (David **BLAIR** of Pa, later Wood County and Elizabeth Beeson **BLAIR**) was bound to Josiah Shanklin, as an apprentice for the carpenter's trade. But his inclinations did not run in this direction; and in 1842, entered the law office of General John Jay **JACKSON**, as a student, and was admitted to the bar two years later; being licensed to practice law in both the inferior and the superior courts of the state. And it was this same year that he came to Harrisville.

In 1851, he was happily married to Miss Josephine **JACKSON**, sister of William L. **JACKSON**, who passed on in 1856, leaving two small daughters. Shortly after this blow, he removed to Parkersburg where he formed a law partnership with his brother-in-law, William L. **JACKSON**. From here, 1862, he was elected to Congress to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of John S. Carlisle, of Virginia, who had been promoted to the United States Senate. In 1863, Jacob Beeson **BLAIR** was reelected to Congress and took an active interest in the formation of West Virginia. He served 1865, as a member of the Legislature of the new state of West Virginia and was Minister to Costa Rica, Central America 1868-1873; and in February 1876, he was appointed by the President as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the territory of Wyoming. He served as Prosecuting Attorney for two terms in the early days of Ritchie County, but Parkersburg holds his dust. Mrs. H. H. **MOSS** of that city was one of his daughters and Mrs. Elizabeth **BELL**, of Dayton, Ohio was the other.

More on this family and pictures in "*Jackson Brigade Newsletter*", Vol. 3#1, p. 4; Vol. 4 #3, p. 12; Vol. 5 #1, p. 14 and Vol. 5. #2, p. 2.

Political Graveyard:

Jacob Beeson **BLAIR** (1821-1901) b. Parkersburg, Wood Co., WV 11 april 1821; US REP from VA 11th Dist. 1861-63- US Rep WV 1st District 1863-65, US Minister to Costa Rica 1868-73; Justice of Wyoming Territorial supreme Court 1876; State court Judge 1892 Died Feb 12, 1901; bur. Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Children of JOSEPHINE JACKSON and JACOB BLAIR are:

11. i. **HARRIETT WILSON³ BLAIR**, b. abt. 1851, Ritchie Co., (W)V; d. 1935.
- ii. **ELIZABETH J. BLAIR**, b. abt. 1854; m. JOHN T. **BELL**, June 18, 1879, Wood Co., WV.; b. abt. 1848, Clarke Co., VA.

Notes for ELIZABETH J. **BLAIR**:

AKA "Lizzie" res. Dayton, Oh (Deed Bk73:440 Harrison Co., WV)

- iii. **STERRETT BLAIR**, b. September 1855; d. June 27, 1856 age 9m7d

6. ROBERT J.³ CRISS (*MARTHA ELIZABETH² JACKSON, WILLIAM LOWTHER¹*) was born abt. 1846. He married **ALICE V. PICKERAL** December 21, 1872 in Harrison Co., WV Bk5:69, daughter of **RUSSELL PICKERALL** and **REBECCA**. She was born abt. 1851 in OH.

Notes for **ROBERT J. CRISS**:

1870, Robert age 24, druggist is enumerated in Harrison Co., WV in the household of Frances **SHERRARD**.

Family is enumerated in the 1880 Harrison Co. WV Census.

Robert's will is located in Harrison Co., WV. He wrote his will 3 Apr. 1905 and it was probated 11 Apr. 1905. He devised to his son George **JACKSON CRISS**, his drug store situated on the North side of Pike St. in the City of Clarksburg.

Children of ROBERT CRISS and ALICE PICKERAL are:

- i. **GEORGE J.⁴ CRISS**, b. 1871.
- ii. **ERNEST B. CRISS**, b. 1874.
- iii. **ROBERT A. CRISS**, b. 1876.
- iv. **KILBURNE CRISS**, b. 1878; d. April 11, 1879, Harrison Co., WV Bk1:93 1yr.

7. BENJAMIN J.³ CRISS (*MARTHA ELIZABETH² JACKSON, WILLIAM LOWTHER¹*) was born abt. 1852, and died Bet. 1878 - 1880. He married **MARGARET ADELIA KELLEY** May 26, 1875 in Harrison Co., WV Bk5:102, daughter of **SAMUEL KELLEY** and **PHOEBE**. She was born abt. 1860, and died May 19, 1881 in Harrison Co., WV.

Notes for **MARGARET ADELIA KELLEY**:

Adelia E. (w) 20 is enumerated in the household of her parents: Samuel and Pheby E. **KELLEY**.

Child of BENJAMIN CRISS and MARGARET KELLEY is:

- i. **DUNCAN W.⁴ CRISS**, b. abt. 1878; d. July 14, 1892, Harrison Co., WV Bk1:162.

8. BENJAMIN J.³ MCKINNEY (*INDIANA² JACKSON, WILLIAM LOWTHER¹*) was born 1850, and died 1902. He married **FLORENCE BROWNING** 1871, daughter of A.H. **BROWNING** and **AUGUSTA S.**

Notes for **BENJAMIN J. MCKINNEY**:

"Benjamin J. **MCKINNEY**, the present owner of the Times, and its editor as well, was born in Virginia in 1850, the son of William P. and Indiana (**JACKSON**) **MCKINNEY**, both of whom were Virginians by birth. The subject of our sketch spent his days in Virginia until the age of 15, when he came to Belpre, this county, where he completed

the course offered by common schools. Later he enjoyed a course of business training at a prominent commercial college of Pittsburgh. With these qualifications, supported by an unusually bright mind, young **McKINNEY** entered the business world by securing a position as book-keeper in the Parkersburg National Bank, and he filled the place satisfactorily for a period of about six years. At the age of 26 Mr. **McKINNEY** was elected on the Democratic ticket, to the office of auditor of Washington County, and succeeded himself at the close of his first term by an increased majority - a fact which spoke well of his proficiency and satisfactory conduct of the office. After serving as auditor of Washington County two terms, Mr. **McKINNEY** was appointed chief clerk in the Auditor of State's office at Columbus, and remained there for a period of four years. He returned to Marietta at the time he gave up the chief clerkship with the expectation of entering the work of newspaper-making, and overtures were made between himself and Mr. McMillen to such effect that August 1, 1890, saw Mr. **McKINNEY** the owner and editor of the *Times*. Into the *Times*, which had but a short time before being completely overhauled as to machinery and equipment, Mr. **McKINNEY** put his time and talents. He is a writer of particular force, his editorial work showing a sarcastic quality that to the operator of a newspaper is a possession carrying no inconsiderable effect to the reader. In 1898, Mr. **McKINNEY** was a member of the Ohio Centennial Commission appointed by Bushnell, but later dissolved by act of Legislature.

The Times up to October 20, 1898, was a weekly, at which time it was issued as a daily and weekly. The daily is printed in the evening, and enjoys good support among the people, especially within the party.

In 1871, Mr. **McKINNEY** was married to Florence **BROWNING**, daughter of A. H. and Augusta S. **BROWNING**, of Belpre. Together they lived devotedly until the summer of 1902, when Mrs. **McKINNEY** died.

To Mr. and Mrs. **McKINNEY** was born an interesting family of eleven children. "
(These are listed above)

History of Marietta and Washington County, and Representative Citizens, p. 404/405.

Children of **BENJAMIN MCKINNEY** and **FLORENCE BROWNING** are:

- i. **HELEN⁴ MCKINNEY**, b. January 18, 1872; d. 1901.
- ii. **GRACE MCKINNEY**, b. November 14, 1873; d. 1882.
- iii. **STELLA MCKINNEY**, b. February 14, 1875; d. 1898.
- iv. **FRANK B. MCKINNEY**, b. November 04, 1876.
- v. **FLORENCE MCKINNEY**, b. April 11, 1878.
- vi. **MAY MCKINNEY**, b. April 13, 1880.
- vii. **WILLIAM P. MCKINNEY**, b. April 24, 1882.
- viii. **LOUISE MCKINNEY**, b. February 04, 1884.
- ix. **BENJAMIN JACKSON MCKINNEY**, b. September 20, 1886.
- x. **FRANCES MCKINNEY**, b. September 17, 1888.
- xi. **HARRIET W. MCKINNEY**, b. November 30, 1892.

9. **LUCY³ JACKSON** (*WILLIAM LOWTHER², WILLIAM LOWTHER¹*) was born November 18, 1850 in Richmond, Henrico Co., VA, and died August 16, 1934 in

Riverside, IL. Burial: Cave Hill Cem., Louisville, KY. She married **FRANK G. HOLTON** April 18, 1882.

Child of LUCY JACKSON and FRANK HOLTON is:

- i. **GEORGIA JACKSON⁴ HOLTON**, b. July 25, 1890; d. Aft. 1958.

Notes for **GEORGIA JACKSON HOLTON**:
Res. 45 Forest Ave. Riverside, IL

10. WILLIAM LOWTHER³ JACKSON (*WILLIAM LOWTHER², WILLIAM LOWTHER¹*) was born August 12, 1854 in St. Mary's, Pleasant Co., (W)V. Burial: Cave Hill Cem., Louisville, KY. He married **EFFIE BROWN**.

Children of WILLIAM JACKSON and EFFIE BROWN are:

- i. **SARAH VAUGHN⁴ JACKSON**, b. June 17, 1887; d. November 19, 1889.
Burial: Cave Hill Cem., Louisville, KY
12. ii. **FANNIE JACKSON**, b. March 18, 1889; d. October 17, 1913, Ashville, NC.

11. HARRIETT WILSON³ BLAIR (*JOSEPHINE² JACKSON, WILLIAM LOWTHER¹*) was born abt. 1851 in Ritchie Co., (W)V, and died 1935. Burial: Riverview Cem., Parkersburg, WV. She married **HUNTER HOLMES MOSS** February 16, 1871 in Parkersburg, WV, son of **JOHN MOSS** and **MARGARET A.** He was born abt. 1844 in Parkersburg, (W)V, and died May 1913. Burial: Riverside Cem., Parkersburg, WV.

Notes for **HARRIETT WILSON BLAIR**:
AKA "Hattie"

Notes for **HUNTER HOLMES MOSS**:
Enumerated in 1880 Wood Co., WV Census.

In 1880 Hunter was a bank cashier in Parkersburg. Hunter was a Union soldier during the Civil War with Co D 14WV Inf - Induction Pvt; Discharge Adj. He applied for a Invalid Pension on Feb 22 1907 Application #1359144; cert #1133781 WVa. His wife, Hattie W. **MOSS** applied for a Widow Pension on June 14, 1913 Application #1009757; certificate #462149 WVa. (CW Pension index, Image 971: Ancestry Image 1)

Obit. Hunter Holmes **MOSS**, aged 68 years, died at his home in Parkersburg, West Virginia, at noon Tuesday after an illness of several weeks. The funeral will be held from the Trinity Episcopal Church at 4 o'clock this (Thursday) afternoon. He is survived by the widow and two children, Hunter H. **MOSS**, Jr., congressman from the Fourth Congressional District, and Mrs. Charles **ALEXANDER** of Clarksburg, WV. (Mountaineer, 30 May 1913) (rootsweb.com/~wvjacks/obits/1913a.htm)

Children of HARRIETT BLAIR and HUNTER MOSS are:

- i. **JOSEPHINE⁴ MOSS**, b. abt. 1872; d. March 13, 1885, Parkersburg, WV. Burial: Riverside Cem., Parkersburg, WV.
- 13. ii. **HUNTER H. MOSS**, b. 1874; d. 1916.
- iii. **MADGE STERRETT MOSS**, b. abt. 1879, Parkersburg, Wood Co., WV; m. **CHARLES BUTLER ALEXANDER**, October 29, 1902, Wood Co., WV.; b. abt. 1876, Jefferson Co., WV.

Notes for **MADGE STERRETT MOSS**:

residing in Clarksburg, WV at the death of her father in 1913

- iv. **BLAIR MOSS**, b. 1883; d. 1899. NOT CONFIRMED AS A SON. Burial: Riverview Cem., Parkersburg, WV

Generation No. 4

12. FANNIE⁴ JACKSON (*WILLIAM LOWTHER³, WILLIAM LOWTHER², WILLIAM LOWTHER¹*) was born March 18, 1889, and died October 17, 1913 in Ashville, NC. Burial: Riverside Cem., Ashville, NC. She married **ROBERT RICE REYNOLDS** 1909, son of **WILLIAM REYNOLDS** and **MAMIE SPEARS**. He was born January 18, 1884 in Ashville, NC, and died February 13, 1963.

Notes for **FANNIE JACKSON**:

Fannie and Robert were married 20 Jan/June 1909.

Children of FANNIE JACKSON and ROBERT REYNOLDS are:

- i. **FRANCES JACKSON⁵ REYNOLDS**, b. November 24, 1909, Charlotte, NC; d. April 09, 1995, Firenze, Italy; m. **GROTHAN OERTLING**.
- ii. **ROBERT RICE REYNOLDS II**, b. February 03, 1913; d. October 17, 1950; m. **MARY MARGARET MCKEEHAN**, April 04, 1940; b. November 23, 1912.

13. HUNTER H.⁴ MOSS (*HARRIETT WILSON³ BLAIR, JOSEPHINE² JACKSON, WILLIAM LOWTHER¹*) was born 1874, and died 1916. He married **ANNA BAKER AMBLER** April 30, 1902, daughter of **BENJAMIN AMBLER** and **NANNIE BAKER**. She was born December 15, 1878 in Parkersburg, WV.

Notes for **HUNTER H. MOSS**:

Hunter H. **MOSS** Jr. was a Congressman.

MOSS, Hunter Holmes, Jr., 1874-1916

MOSS, Hunter Holmes, Jr. a Representative from West Virginia; born in Parkersburg, Wood County, W.Va., May 26, 1874; attended the public schools; in early youth was employed in a bank; was graduated from the law department of West Virginia University at Morgantown in 1896; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Parkersburg, W.Va., in 1896; prosecuting attorney of Wood County, W.Va., 1900-1904;

judge of the fourth circuit court of West Virginia 1904-1912; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-third and Sixty-fourth Congresses and served from March 4, 1913, until his death in Atlantic City, N.J., July 15, 1916; interment in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Parkersburg, W.Va. Source:
<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=M001034>

Source for marriage and children: billyghote@BillWilkins.net

Children of HUNTER MOSS and ANNA AMBLER are:

- i. **AMBLER HOLMES⁵ MOSS**, b. August 21, 1903; d. June 1977; m. DOROTHEA DANDRIDGE **WILLIAMS**, May 06, 1932.
- ii. **HUNTER HOLMES MOSS**, b. abt. 1907.
- iii. **ANN CARY MOSS**, b. abt. 1911.

Rev. Barnes will Celebrate 84th Birthday

MANNINGTON, Aug. 17.---The Rev. Isaac A. **BARNES** of Benton's Ferry and "Dean of Methodist Ministers of West Virginia," is celebrating his 84th birthday today. Rev. **BARNES** was born near the site where he now lives, Aug. 28, 1857, and is a son of the late Isaac N. and Margaret **HOLLAND BARNES**.

He was married June 16, 1880 to Margaret A. **LINN**, daughter of the late Robert and Rachel **HULL LINN**, by the late Rev. Benjamin **STOUT**, pastor of the Benton's Ferry Methodist church, in the home where Rev. **BARNES** and Mrs. **BARNES** now live and that has been remodeled.

The celebrant is the father of six children, five living; ten grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Rev. **BARNES** is the oldest Methodist minister in West Virginia and was ordained in Sept. 1879, and is serving his 62nd year in the ministry, four years longer than any other Methodist minister in West Virginia. He has served as president of the West Virginia Conference, as president of the West Virginia Christian Endeavor Union, as county superintendent of schools in Marion county and as pastor of Methodist churches in Harrisville, Spencer, St. Marys, Weston, Grafton, Morgantown, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Wellsville, O.

- Source unknown

Retirement of Veteran Railroad Conductor Recalls Interesting Facts of Earlier Railroad Days

by Gilbert J. Hersman

As published in The Clarksburg Daily Telegram, June 17, 1924.

Weston, June 17, 1924.---With the retirement of Captain Thomas **SMITH**, perhaps the oldest Baltimore and Ohio railroad conductor in point of service on the system, many interesting facts in connection with the history of the first railroads of the county are recalled, for it was with the coming of the first railroad to Lewis county that the veteran conductor began his railroad experience which extended over a period of nearly forty-five years. Historical records state that November 12, 1879, the last spike was driven and the narrow gauge line into Weston was completed to where the local freight depot now stands. It was November 13, one day later, that Captain Thomas **SMITH** entered the service of the company and became a conductor. June 10, 1924, completing the final trip on the Weston-Pickens run he made his last journey as a regular conductor.

The history of Lewis county and immediate vicinity around 1870 indicates that this section was much interested in the development of railroads into Weston and Lewis county. Various roads were routed and projected through Weston and Lewis county, but the actual development never appears to have started. One of the first of these was the "Air Line Railroad" which was to connect Washington and Cincinnati running through Weston and other neighboring sections. The Washington and Ohio railroad was then incorporated to build a road over the route surveyed by the Air Line Company. In order that the route pass through Weston it was proposed that \$250,000 in the form of subscriptions to stock be given by the supervisors of the county. The supervisors were at that time the legal representatives of the county acting in the same capacity as the county court does at the present time. The supervisors submitted a bond issue of \$200,000 to the voters and it failed. A panic immediately followed and the railroad interest for a time died. The Northern and Southern railroad also came to grief in the financial disaster of 1873. The next railroad company on any importance to be organized was the Weston and Clarksburg Railroad Company. A bond proposition to furnish \$125,000 was defeated in the county. According to historical records, in 1875 the Weston and West Fork railroad was incorporated to join Weston and Clarksburg

with a number of well known Weston people as stockholders. A bond proposition not as large as before passed and it appeared as if the county would be successful in getting a railroad.

Bridgeport Makes Offer

However some trouble was experienced at Clarksburg because some of the citizens, it appeared, did not wish to have the railroad run through some of the best lots and sites in the city. Finally an agreement was reached after Bridgeport had made an attractive proposition to the company. The route was surveyed after \$10,000 in stock was to be subscribed by the people of Clarksburg. The contract for the grading was let in 1876, but the contractor failed a little over a year later and the company was in a bad way financially. The local court came to the rescue and the road was mortgaged for \$100,000. However when this was used up the grading was completed ready for laying the steel. Financial disaster again confronted the enterprising organization. Stock could not be sold and money simply could not be had. Finally Johnson **CAMDEN** Lewis County business man, came to the rescue and organized a holding company, The Clarksburg, Weston and Glenville railroad. This company secured a lease of the Weston and West Fork company and supplied the finances to complete the work.

With proper finances work was rushed and the first train entered Jane Lew August 9, 1879. The track was extended on to Weston and the first station used here is said to have been a temporary station near what is now Machpelah cemetery. Later it was extended to Weston and as mentioned in the foregoing, the last spike was driven by Jonathan M. **BENNETT**, well known in early historical circles of the state, November 12. The company had as its president Johnson **CAMDEN**; vice president, Henry **BRANNON**; secretary, W. G. **BENNETT**, and M. W. **HARRISON** as treasurer. In 1881, Dr. A. H. **KUNST** took charge of the Weston to Clarksburg line as general manager. He had had previous railroad experience and the infant road was successful under his management. (Paragraph missing.)

Operate a Stage Line

While all this was going on, Captain **SMITH** and his brother John were operating a stage line between Weston and Clarksburg. Their duties also included the transportation of the mail between the two places. A little more than a month after the first train arrived in Jane Lew, John **SMITH** forsook the stage line and became a conductor for the company. The mail was then hauled as far as Jane Lew by the train, it is said, and a stage line connected Weston and Jane Lew. November 13, Captain Thomas **SMITH** entered the service and became a conductor. The years of experience now essential in becoming a conductor was not the lot of the **SMITH** brothers who never served in the capacity as brakemen. Both operated on the trains between Weston and Clarksburg in the early history of the narrow gauge road. John **SMITH** had charge of the first train that ever came to Weston. From the beginning, two trains ran into Weston.

The success of the line to Weston interested other sections and interest in a railroad was aroused in Buckhannon and other counties adjoining Lewis. As a result in 1883 a narrow gauge railroad was built to Buckhannon. Gilmer County made an attempt at this time to secure a road into that section and failed. In 1891 after much

reorganization and combining of various organized railroad companies, the railroad was completed to Sutton from Weston and the first train entered that station May 5, 1891. Most of the financial backing of the new enterprise came from the Baltimore and Ohio company and finally an agreement was made whereby it was agreed that upon the completion of the standard gauge the Baltimore and Ohio company would take over a lease on the holdings of the new company that was now operating under the name of the West Virginia and Pittsburg railroad. The lease was for a period of 999 years. Meanwhile the narrow gauge was superseded by a standard gauge which was laid in 1889-1900. Thus Clarksburg, Buckhannon, Weston, Sutton and other distant sections became connected by railroads.

With the extension of the lines to other towns and cities, the **SMITH** brothers began running on these lines. They ran between Clarksburg and Sutton and Richwood and between Clarksburg and Buckhannon. The business of the company had so increased that shops and round house had been established at Weston. Both brothers continued in the service until 1901 when John **SMITH** gave up the railroad work after being a conductor for twenty-two years.

Stays in the Service

However, Thomas **SMITH** continued in the service of this company and for years had charge of one of the trains operating between Clarksburg and Richwood. However some years ago a change was made and the veteran conductor took over the Weston and Pickens train with Weston as terminal. On this he has operated since that time. For the last few years this run has been a severe one. The crew taking charge goes to work in the evening at Weston and runs the train to Pickens, where the night is spent. Early the following morning the run is made back to Weston. Around 8 o'clock the train gets under way for Pickens again and returns about 5:30 in the evening.

The crew then lays up for a day. This strenuous work the veteran stood for the last few years. Finally he came to the conclusion that he had worked long enough and retired from service after nearly forty-five years. He is 73 years of age and he states that he could have retired from service some years ago, but he continued. In 1904, he was a candidate for sheriff of Lewis county and was elected. He held that office for a term of four years although he did not entirely give up his railroad work.

Now that he has retired he plans to devote his time to less strenuous labor and will remain on his farm a short distance below Weston. Captain **SMITH** was born in Clarksburg but early came to Lewis county where his life has been spent. He is very loyal to the Baltimore and Ohio company after so many years of service. That company, he states, is the best in the worked to work for in every way imaginable. No employees are better treated than those of the Baltimore and Ohio according to the man whose record is nearly forty-five years.

Now Available Census of Cemeteries, Dekalb District, Gilmer Co, WV

Compiled by Doris M. **RADABAUGH** and Mary E. **RADABAUGH**, this census includes biographical information when known of those interred. 175 pages. Loose-leaf. Indexed. \$18.00 includes shipping and handling. Order from D. Radabaugh, 2816 Spider Ridge Rd, Parkersburg, WV 26104-8216

From Revolutionary War Pension Records

Filed in West Virginia Archives and History Library

From Volume 1, Part 2:

McWHORTER, Henry

Service
New Jersey, New York,
Penn.
Virginia---12,929

No. S-7210

Name of Person
Date and Place of Birth
Service Record
Company
Regiment
Name of Officers

McWHORTER, Henry
Nov. 13, 1760, N. J. (72)
Private, 22 months.
Capt. **WISNER**
N. Y. Militia
Col. **LIVINGSTON, NICHOLS**,
Gen. G. **CLINTON**
Orange Co., N. York
March 1, 1766
Orange Co., N. Y.
Sept. 4, 1832, Lewis Co.,
Va.

Residence at time of Enlistment
Date of Enlistment
Residence before the Revolution
Date of Application for Pension and Residence at that time

(Act, June 7, 1832)

N. Y. N. J. Penn. Line Records corrected.

Certificate issued, June 17, 1833. No. 12,929, Va. Service 22 months @ \$73.33.
Certificate issued May 4, 1835. 18 months service. No. 12929, Va.
Reduced to \$60.00.
Enlisted N. Y.
Enlisted N. J., Nov. 1777.
N. Y. Militia.
Flying Camp.

Capt. **WISNER, TITTIFF, THOMPkins, DAKER, CHAMPLAIN, PARSONS.**

Col. **LIVINGSTON, LOWRY** (N. J.), Nicholas G. **CLINTON**.

Gens. Geo. **CLINTON, WASHINGTON**,

Gen. **BURGOYNE**.

Evidence John **NEELEY**, Alex **WEST**, Wm. **POWER**, D. **STINGER**, Sam **JONES**. Had furlough from Dr. Henry **WHITE**.

Born in N. J. 11/13, 1760

Enlisted in Orange Co., N. Y.

Removed to Bucks Co., Penn.

Removed to Hampshire Co., Va., 1786, Harrison, now Lewis, 1791.

MIDDLETON, John

Service

No. W. 7464

Va.

Virginia, 535

B. L. Wt. 28594, 160-55

Name of Person

MIDDLETON, John or (MIDELTON)

Date and Place of Birth

Louden Co., Va. Nov. 20, 1761

Service Record

Private, 5 months

Company

Capt. **FIGGINS**, _____

Regiment

Virginia Line

Name of Officers

Col. _____ **EDMONDS**, Gen.

LAFAYETTE, MUKLENBURG

Battles or Campaigns

Campaigns in Virginia

Residence at time of Enlistment

Louden Co., Va.

Date of Enlistment

Sept. 1780, April, 1781

Residence before the Revolution

Louden Co., Va.

Date of Application for Pension and Residence at that time Aug. 25, 1832, Harrison Co., VA.

(Act, June 7, 1832)

Date of Death

Jan. 31, 1837

Date and Place of Marriage

March 28, 1797

Full Name of Wife

Eleanor **HARDY MIDDLETON**

Date of Application for Pension of Soldier's Widow

July 15, 1851

Place of Residence

Harrison Co., Va.

Names of any Comrades of the Soldier who may have made Affidavit in Support of the Soldier and his Widow's Claim, their place of Residence, Age or other data _____

PARKS, Zacheriah **HICKMAN**, Sam B. **DAVIS**, John **ROMINE**, Abraham **BATT**____.

(Act. July 29, 1848)

Certificate issued, March 1, 1833, @ \$20.00 per annum.

Capt. Dan **FIGGINS**. 1st. Lieut. Mat. **RUST**, 2nd Lieut. John **RUSSEL**, Emg., Sam **OLIPHANT**, address by Baron **VAN STUBEN** when discharged.

Gen. **WAYNE**, Baron **VAN STUBEN**, **LAFAYETTE**. Sub. for John **BUTCHER**, Sept. 1780.

Court Record of marriages. Frederick Co., Va. John **MIDDLETON**, Eleanor **HARDY**, March 28, 1797.

Eleanor **HARDY MIDDLETON**

Certificate issued August __, 1851 --- No. 839, Virginia.

Certificate issued May 29, 18__ ----- No. 28,594--160 A. -55

From Revolutionary War Pension Records Volume 4, Part 2

HARRISON COUNTY

LOWTHER, Col. William
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Col. William **LOWTHER**, prominent leader in hostilities with Indians of the frontier, was born, December 22, 1743, in Augusta County, Virginia, now West Virginia, a son of Robert **LOWTHER**, married Sudna **HUGHES**, a daughter of Thomas Sr. in Hardy County, came in 1772 to Harrison County, died October 28, 1814, and was buried on his farm on the West Fork River one and one-half miles below West Milford.

Ancestors of Col. **LOWTHER** were Englishmen. Henry **LOWTHER** had three sons, Henry, George and William, who were English miners. Of these, William had a son Robert, who with his wife, Aquilla **REES LOWTHER**, emigrated in 1740 to America and came in 1772 to the Hacker's Creek valley, Harrison County, where they made a settlement, along with their sons, Jonathan and Col. William **LOWTHER**.

Jonathan **LOWTHER**, son of Robert and brother of William, was slain along with Thomas **HUGHES**, Sr., in May, 1788, by Indians in sight of Jane Lew as they were on the way from Clarksburg to West's fort to give the alarm that a party of fourteen Indians had invaded the region. Jonathan's brother, William, and a party of settlers pursued the Indians into Ohio, surprised them at their camp near Chillicothe and killed thirteen of them. Jonathan **LOWTHER** made his settlement of Washburn's Run.

Then 17 years old, Col. William **LOWTHER** volunteered under David **SCOTT** to repel Indians from the borders of Augusta County, and occasionally was called into service.

In 1781 he joined Gen. George Rogers **CLARK**'s expedition against French and Indians at Detroit as a major in Col. Joseph **CROCKETT**'s regiment at Fort Pitt, now Pittsburg, Pa., returned in 1783 and was soon promoted to the rank of colonel. In 1787

he was commissioned colonel of the Northwestern Territory and had command and supervision of the entire region, which he retained until the WAYNE Treaty with Indians in 1795.

In a letter to the governor of Virginia, dated March 22, 1793, Col. **LOWTHER** declared that he had headed a party of sixteen settlers, given chase to six Indians who had stolen horses near Clarksburg, and had killed one of them and wounded another.

Collecting a company, Col. **LOWTHER** in 1781 went in pursuit of Indians who had engaged in the Leading Creek massacre in which Alexander **RONY** was one of the victims, came to their camp on a branch of Hughes River, ever since known as Indian Creek, attacked them at the light of day, killed five Indians and routed the others of the savage party, who left all their shot bags and plunder, and all their guns except one.

Col. **LOWTHER**'s activities were not limited to incidents mentioned herein as he was a skillful and courageous frontiersman and always ready to defend and protect the settlers. So frequently was the Richards Fort near West Milford the base of his warfare against Indians that his name is associated with that fort, its being referred to at times in history as Lowther Fort.

When the Harrison County Court was organized July 20, 1784?, near Buckhannon, Col. **LOWTHER** was commissioned the first sheriff of Harrison County and served as such one year. He also served as the first sheriff of Wood County one year, having been commissioned as such January 27, 1800, by James **MONROE**, then governor of Virginia. He was a delegate from Harrison County to the Virginia legislature in 1788, succeeding Charles **MARTIN**. He also served as a justice of the peace.

Records show names and births of sons of Col. **LOWTHER** as follows:
Robert, born in 1765; Thomas, March 7, 1767; William Jr., January 27, 1768, at Moorefield; Jesse, July 21, 1773, in Harrison County; and Elias, September 16, 1776.

Robert **LOWTHER** married Catherine **CAIN**, January 21, 1787; Thomas, Mary **COBURN**, March 17, 1789; William Jr., first Margaret **MORRISON**, August 4, 1789, and next Margaret **COBURN**, May 3, 1809; Jesse, Mary **RAGAN**, August 18, 1781; and Elias, Rebecca **COBURN**, May 3, 1804.

Sudna, a daughter of Col. **LOWTHER**, was married December 15, 1796, to Jacob **JACKSON**.

Robert **LOWTHER** qualified as an ensign of militia in March, 1786, and as a justice of the peace, March 21, 1791. He was an ensign of militia in 1792. His brother, William Jr., took part with his father in Indian forays.

In 1773, known as the "starving year", Col. William **LOWTHER** played an important in supplying the settlers with food, their crops having failed.

Robert **LOWTHER**, Jr., son of Col. William **LOWTHER**, died November 17, 1831-5, and his wife March 25, 1851. She was born September 30, 1766. The wife of Thomas **LOWTHER** died March 8, 1819.

William **LOWTHER** Jr., died November 26, 1857, and his wife, Margaret **COBURN LOWTHER**, May 13, 1850. She was born May 1, 1768. Jesse **LOWTHER** died in October, 1854, and his wife in April, 1857. She was born December 25, 1770. Elias **LOWTHER** died in 1845, and his wife about 1850. She was born December 11, 1779.

Col. William **LOWTHER** and Sudna **HUGHES** were married in 1763.



HAPPENINGS

Mary Edwards, Book Raffle Winner – Mary **EDWARDS** of Littleton, Colorado, was the winner of the 100+ books given away in our late fall HCPD Publications raffle. While the event was not as successful as those held in past years, a few dollars were raised for the HCPD coffers. A special thanks to everyone who purchased tickets!

Annual Valentine Dinner to be held February 16 – HCPD and the East Lewis Lions Club will hold their Annual Valentine's Day Spaghetti Dinner at the HCPD Library on Sunday, February 16, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The fantastic spaghetti sauce created by our own Irma **CURTIS** and the luscious desserts concocted by HCPDers and Lions members have earned the event a "heads up" and "must go" rating among families all across the county. Last year we served 200+ meals – and ran out of food a hour before the event was to be over. If you live in the area, you are invited to come join us for food and fellowship and/or donate a dessert; if you live away and still want to participate in this fund-raising event, you are welcome to send along a small donation to help defray cost of food and other supplies for the event.

Annual Trash & Treasures Sale to be April 5, 2003 – The Seventh Annual HCPD Yard Sale - Garage Sale – Whatever You Want to Call it Sale – will be held Saturday, April 5, 9 a.m. - ??? at the HCPD Library. Already members and friends are bringing us items for the sale. . . folks who live out of town have been dropping off items as they come home to visit and to research. . . and folks who live locally are bringing in their "good" junk as they clean their garages, attics, dressers, and closets. Nothing is too large or too small to sell. In the past we've had picnic tables and storm doors, computers and cameras, jewelry, books, children's toys and games, dishes, glassware, whatchamacallits, and whatever. . . If you have things for the sale but can't get to the library to drop them off and if you live somewhere in West Virginia, give us a call or send an e-mail to hcpd@hackerscreek.com and we'll see if we can find someone coming your way (or ours) to bring them to us.

Monthly Board Meetings – FYI, the monthly HCPD board meetings are open and all members are welcome. January, March, May, September, and November meetings are held on the first Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. February, June, and October are held on the first Friday. Meeting in April is usually short and in conjunction with Annual Sale (see above event). July and August meeting are usually combined and held at a time convenient to all board members during the latter part of August. There is no December meeting unless there is some pressing issue that needs board attention. Please verify exact time of all meetings with the office.

QUERIES

Your queries are invited and encouraged. Members are permitted unlimited queries, depending upon space available. We will try to use all you submit. You may snail mail them to HCPD, 45 Abbotts Run Road, Homer, WV 26372 or e-mail them to queries@hackerscreek.com.

Be sure to tell us they are for the JOURNAL and include you regular mailing address as well as your e-mail address. Also, it would help if you capitalize the surnames for the editor. Deadlines for the next submission is March 1, 2003.

1. In 1809 my ancestor, Elias **BRAGG**, married Mary **BRYANT** in Buckingham County, Virginia. I have no idea who her parents were but there are some clues. In 1782 John **BRAGG**, father of Elias was a near neighbor in Fluvanna County VA to a Sylvanus and William **BRYANT**. There was a Sylvanus **BRYANT** in Nelson County in 1810, and also a Dabney **BRYANT**. My ancestors Elias and Mary **BRYANT BRAGG** named a son Dabney **BRAGG**. I would like to learn the parents of Mary **BRYANT BRAGG** or anything on her family. David **ARMSTRONG**, 201 Graham Avenue, Elkins, WV frankensteinjr@meer.net
2. Brickwall: Need help from someone with **BENNETT/CUNNINGHAM/GRIMES** connections. Looking for Mary **GRIMES** married to William **CUNNINGHAM** in 1828 in Randolph/Pendleton Co. Only child known is John W. **CUNNINGHAM** (b. abt 1828) m. Rebecca **BENNETT** (b. abt 1832). Rebecca is the daughter of James b. 1802 Pendleton Co.(s/o Joseph & Phebe **CUNNINGHAM BENNETT** both b.1775 Pendleton Co) & Rebecca Wimer **BENNETT**. Mary **GRIMES'** husband William is the son of William C. **CUNNINGHAM** b. abt 1769 Pendleton Co.(s/o James b. 1741 Dublin, Ireland and Agness **CUNNINGHAM**) m. Sarah **BENNETT** (d/o John & Catherine **BENNETT**). James **CUNNINGHAM** m. to Agness had a niece Nancy **CUNNINGHAM** (d/o Robert & Prudence **PARSONS CUNNINGHAM**) who married Mark **GRAHAM/GRIMES**. Mark & Nancy **CUNNINGHAM** Grimes died in Randolph Co 1831 & 1834. Most of their children migrated to MO & IL. Their sons George, William & Solomon may have remained in Randolph/Pendleton Co. Mary may be a child of one of these sons.
Theory: Mary **GRIMES** is a descendant of Mark and Nancy **CUNNINGHAM GRAHAM/GRIMES**. There is also a Felix **GRAHAM/GRIMES** Family in Pocahontas County. Are the two **GRIMES** families connected....? Rosemary **PETERSEN**, 1061 S. Waggoner Rd, Paragon, IN 46166, (765) 537-9847 rojo@iquest.net
3. Discovered in the 1920 Lewis Co, WV census, cousins Wm. Patton **BOWSER**

1854-1916 m. Margaret **SINDORF BOWSER** 1857-?; and their son Wayne William **BOWSER** 1892-1964 who m. Bessie Leon(i)a **MEANS**. Children: Cleo C., ae 6; Frank, ae 5 (identified as a dau); Wayne, ae 3; Gibson Q., ae 1 yr 4 mo. Would hope to find more cousins from the above families as there were many **MEANS** families in this 1920 census. We may be able to help each other. They were in the Oil business out Freeman's Creek???? Shirley **TOOHEY** s2ee@juno.com, 1140 N. Circle Dr., La Habra, CA 90631-2728

4. Sarah Kinney **STILES** b. 21 Mar 1812, death unknown. Need to know the name of her daughter who is mentioned in the will of Sarah's father, John **KINNEY**, Jr. who was b 28 Jan 1784 in New Jersey and d July 1855, Doddridge Co, (W)V. The will states daughter of Sarah but does not give a name. Ethel **NIELSEN**, 25 Bridgewood St, Irvine, CA 92604-4576 <een10@juno.com>
5. Need parental proof of Samuel **DYE**, b about 1827 d 1856 in Greene Co, PA, m to Elizabeth **CUMBERLEDGE**. Is Samuel the son of John and Rachel **MORRIS DYE**. The 1850 census does not list Samuel. Also need marriage date of Samuel and Elizabeth **CUMBERLEDGE**. Elizabeth was born 1823 and died in Tyler Co 17 Feb. 1902 the wife of Wells **UNDERWOOD**. Ethel **NIELSEN**, 25 Bridgewood St, Irvine, CA 92604-4576 <een10@juno.com>

6. I am looking for any information relating to John **STACKHOUSE** who was born in Frederick Co., (later Hampshire Co., now Hardy Co, WV.) ca. 1746.

He was an early pioneer in (old) Harrison Co., first appearing before 1770. He apparently had homes in both Hampshire and Harrison Cos., for he appears to have moved back and forth between the two. His first wife was Elizabeth (?) who migrated to Harrison Co with him and died prior to 1797. In 1803 he married Mary **LEDMAN** in Harrison Co and they had two children: John and Nancy, who (probably) married Jacob (Jake) **MARPLE**. John and Mary owned land and apparently lived their later years in the Philippi area of what is now Barbour Co. on Fox Grape Creek (Run).

He was a Revolutionary Soldier on two different occasions and was captured by Indians in 1779 while travelling down the Ohio River to meet with George Rogers Clark's command at what is now Louisville. He was held captive for three nearly years, escaping in 1781.

John also had a brother Isaac **STACKHOUSE** who migrated to Harrison in 1787 along with his wife Bethia (?). Isaac was also a Rev War soldier, received bounty lands in Ohio and removed there in 1812 with 10 of his 12 children. Isaac also had a son named John who m. Roweena (Regina) **GREATHOUSE** in 1800. Descendants of this John and Roweena later possibly moved south to the Charleston area.

I suspect, but have not been able to prove that I descend from a son (Stephen) of John and his first wife Elizabeth born before they left Hampshire Co. and left behind as an adult there. Any and all help on this line would be much appreciated. I also have a good deal of information on Isaac's descendants if that would be helpful to anyone. Philip E **STACKHOUSE**, 10228 Cabery Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042 410-465-0080 pstackhouse@toad.net

7. Seek info on parents and siblings of Thornton Fleming **FERRELL**, born ca 1818 in Monongalia Co, m. Mary Emily **KNIGHT**, dau of Thomas **KNIGHT**, Jr also of same county. In Marion Co in 1850 and in Calhoun Co after 1850 until his death in 1893. Linn **FERRELL BAIKER**, 5658 Chestnut Ct., Virginia Beach, VA 23464, lb0530@cox.net
8. Looking for Information on the family of Amanda **SMITH**. She married Chloe Shelton **FITZPATRICK** 28 Jan 1862 in Harrison Co, (W)V. At one time they lived in Lewis Co, WV with their daughter and son-in-law Martha **FITZPATRICK** and William **MILTON**. 1. Does anyone know where in Lewis County they lived? 2. The Children of Amanda and Chloe **FITZPATRICK** were: Robert Lee **FITZPATRICK** married Ella Mae **CASTO**, Martha **FITZPATRICK** married William **MILTON**, Mary E. married ??????????, William D. married ???????, and Margaret F married ??????. Looking for the names of their spouses and children of those marriages. 3. Are any of those families still in Lewis County? Any info appreciated. Thanks. Carol YAKUPCAK, 11599 Hoover Ave NW, Uniontown OH 44685, email Teacross@aol.com
9. Mary **BAKER WOMER** born July 12, 1872 Jackson Co. WV Mary **BAKER** was adopted as a infant by James and Sarah Ann **BYRNES DONOHUE**, In the 1880 census she was listed as Mary **ELLIS** a child they were raising. The **ELLIS** I'm sure is a mistake and meant for her brother Ellis **DONOHUE**, not real siblings. Our family was told she was half Cherokee, and she does look Indian in the family pictures. Trying to find the true story of how they got Mary and raised her. Maybe **BAKERS** in that area in 1872. She married Charles **WOMER** in Jackson Co. on 24 Dec 1893 Jackson Co. Any ideas abt. how to find adopted, not legally, in those times may be helpful. Thanks. Jane **BOUCHER** 406 Schoolhouse Rd., East Stroudsburg, PA 18301 or valjan@ptd.net.
10. Need info on parents of Lilly M. **LYONS**, b 25 May 1885 Mason Co. WV; d 25 Jul 25, 1962 Commerce, TX. Lilly m John Daniel Boone **RIFFLE** 1 Jan 1902 Jackson Co. WV. He remarried Hallie **SAYRE** 23 Mar 1906 Meigs Co. Listed as a widower on the marriage record but he was not; for some unk. reason Lilly ended up in Ark and TX, a supposedly widow. She had 3 children, Ida **RIFFLE** b. 1918, Carl b. Jan 18, 1922 both in Parkersburg, and one James Henry **RIFFLE** born in ARK. , These children cannot be John D. B. **RIFFLE's**. She is believed to be a relative of Joseph **LYONS** and Sarah **SNYDER**. but how she fits in is unk. John Daniel Boone and Lilly **LYONS RIFFLE** were my dad's aunt and uncle. , Please help. Thanks. Jane **BOUCHER** 406 Schoolhouse Rd. East Stroudsburg, PA 18301 or valjan@ptd.net.
11. I am seeking documented information on the following former Richmond County, Va residents, all of whom are my ancestors: (1) Magne/ McGue/ McHugh **BARRETT**, d 1683 Richmond Co; (2) William **MARKS** d 1735 Richmond Co; (3) Luke **THORNTON** d 1725 Richmond Co'; (4) Nathaniel **NASH**, had dau Elizabeth who m Joseph **BRAGG** who d 1747 Richmond Co; (5) Edward **EIDSON** d 1732 Richmond Co; (6) Elias **FENIAL/FENNELL** d 1739 Richmond Co. David **ARMSTRONG**, 201 Graham St, Elkins, WV 26241 frankensteinjr@meer.net

12. Margaret Ann **JONES** b. 21 April 1852 d/o Henry and Sally (**EAGLE**) **JONES**, m. Dameon **TALBOTT** in Lewis County, WV on March 11, 1874. In her obit she was married twice, First, W. D. **TALBOTT**, who died and later to John D. **PETERSON**. I am seeking the name of Dameon **TALBOTT's** parents and date and place of his death. Marlene **JONES**, 36 Greentree Village, Shinnston, WV 26431, marlenejones@mountain.net
13. William **McNEMAR** m. Elizabeth **LILOY** in Lewis County, (W)VA on 14 Apr 1835. I believe that Elizabeth last name was **LILLY** for the following reasons: (1) I cannot find the surname **LILOY** in the area for that time period and (2) her granddaughter's middle name was **LILLY**. She was born ca 1818 and a.k.a. May/Mary Elizabeth. I am seeking the name of her parents and place of birth. Marlene **JONES**, 36 Greentree Village, Shinnston, WV 26431, marlenejones@mountain.net
14. I'm looking for a picture of Floyd Pinnell **ESKEW** (1858-1956). He is my great grandfather, having fathered a child with my great grandmother, Vallona **WESTFALL** (1859-1944). He lived in the Hickory Flat area of Upshur County. He later married Mary Susan **FOSTER** (1887- ?) on July 27, 1887. I believe they had three children: William E. **ESKEW** (1892 - ?), Goldie **ESKEW** (1895- ?), Sylvia Gladys **ESKEW** (1908 - ?). Wendell **WESTFALL**, 2827 Clubhouse Road, Costa Mesa, CA 92626, email: wwestfall@attbi.com
15. William Johnson **CLARKSON** (b 01 Jan 1837 either Essex or Middlesex County, NJ) to Benjamin and Fanny **GAMES CLARKSON**; William married Maria **MASON**, d/o William F and Jane **THAYER MASON**. They all are buried at Mt Zion Cemetery, near Marquess, Preston Co, WV. I found William's death notice in the *Preston County Journal* newspaper, Aug. 24, 1882. "The same paper quotes the St. George Democrat saying says that William **MASON**, of Guinea settlement, Preston County, died at the residence of his son in law, Wm. **MARCUS**, of this county, Sunday morning." What is *the St George Democrat*? Which county? I am trying to verify the ancestry of William **MASON**. Mary **BUCHHOLTZ**, HCR 62 BOX 7, Belle Fourche, SD 57717 shepherd@starband.net

Editor's Comment: Mary, St. George is in Tucker County, WV.

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